



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINE.

Questions and Responses handled by our COVID Response Team at the Jackson County Health Department. As the questions increase, this document will change. Additional questions and answers are located on the Michigan website located at [Frequently Asked Questions Section](#) or the Centers for Disease Control [FAQ Section](#) Website.

Priority Groups / Register for vaccine

- 1. Can I get the vaccine and get other vaccines?** You can receive the COVID-19 as long as you are not sick or have a fever. You can not receive other vaccines until 14 days later. Also, if you have received another vaccine, you must wait 14 days before the COVID vaccine.
- 2. What priority group is JCHD currently serving?** The Jackson County Health Department has received its first allocation of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and has reached out to Phase 1A Priority One groups (Priorities 1, 2 and 3) for vaccination. We are working hard to provide vaccine to the groups in the order as designated by the Centers for Disease Control. The JCHD and other vaccinators are dependent upon supply for vaccinating.
- 3. How will I know when I can get it?** We will put out information through the news, press release, on Facebook (Social Media) and on our Webpage located at <https://www.mijackson.org/2442/COVID-Vaccine> when we are ready to vaccinate their group.



4. **When will I get it?** The vaccine is being provided according to phases and priority groups as established by the Centers for Disease Control. The document located at <https://www.mijackson.org/2442/COVID-Vaccine> will provide you with more information regarding each group. The vaccines provided are dependent upon the vaccine supply. In addition, as more community partners are vaccinated and prepare to provide vaccine services the vaccination rates will also go up. We will all be dependent upon the vaccine supply.

5. **When will I be able to sign up to be vaccinated? Do you have a timeframe?** In regards to your first question, we are working with priority groups and expect to provide vaccinations based on priority groups and vaccine availability. We are posting timeline information on where we are at currently in terms of priority groups on our COVID Vaccine webpage located at <https://www.mijackson.org/2442/COVID-Vaccine>.

6. **Can my family member who is not in the current priority group be vaccinated?** As there are so many people who need the vaccine, we are asking people to honor the priority groups that are set up by the Centers for Disease Control. We ask anyone who is not in a priority group to wait at this time to receive their vaccine.

COST

7. **Is there any cost?** The Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) is providing the vaccine without cost at this time.

LOCATION OF VACCINE CLINICS

8. **Do I come to the health department to get my vaccine?** No. We are working on having large scale clinics (similar to drive through testing sites) to reach as many people as possible. You will be notified where to go when it is time for you to come for your vaccine.



9. **I'm 80, can someone come to my house?**

At this time, JCHD and other vaccinators are administering the vaccine at drive through clinics and other mass vaccination events. In the near future, your primary care provider or pharmacist may have other alternatives and may be able to provide you with the vaccine at a well-check or when you pick up your next prescription.

AFTER VACCINATION (side effects and recommendations)

- 10. What happens if I have a reaction?** Monitors are on site in case of immediate reactions. You will receive information and an explanation of the VSAFE program for monitoring and safety followup after vaccination. Through V-safe, you can quickly tell the CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. CDC may follow up by phone to get more information. V-safe will also remind you to get the second COVID-19 vaccine dose when needed. Check the [CDC website](#) for more information.



- 11. What are the side effects from taking the vaccine?** Typical reactions can occur with the vaccine as with most vaccines such as arm soreness or redness. If you are interested in more side effect, the CDC has created a list of side effects that could potentially occur (but may not) and is listed on what to [expect after COVID 19 Vaccine Page](#).



- 12. Should I be worried about an allergic reaction?** The CDC has good information located on their COVID-19 [vaccine safety allergic reaction site](#).
- 13. When will I take the 2nd dose?** When you get your 1st vaccine you will be given a card indicating when your next vaccine is due. In addition, when you register at V-Safe they will also send you a reminder of your vaccine due date. The [Pfizer vaccine](#) is 21 days after the initial dose and the [Moderna vaccine](#) is 28 days after the initial dose so it is dependent upon which vaccine you received.



Special Populations

- 14. Should I receive this vaccine if I am pregnant?** We recommend talking with your primary care provider and /or OB/GYN. Here are some [resources](#) to consider from the CDC.



General

15. What do I do if I have to wait for my vaccine? The COVID Response Team and Public Health Experts are still encouraging everyone to practice social distancing of six feet, frequently washing your hands and wearing a mask at all times when you are in a public setting or around other people. It is important to remember that even those who receive the vaccine still need to wear a mask, social distance from others as well as frequently washing their hands. The mask mandate will continue until we have a much higher percentage of people in the community vaccinated.



The Jackson County Health Department has established a New COVID Information line to call for the latest COVID Vaccine updates including availability of vaccine, priority group status and how to sign up. The new number is (517) 817-4469.