

# Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

## Why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

-  Keep you and your family safe.
-  Prevent more illness and death.
-  Help get Texas back to normal.

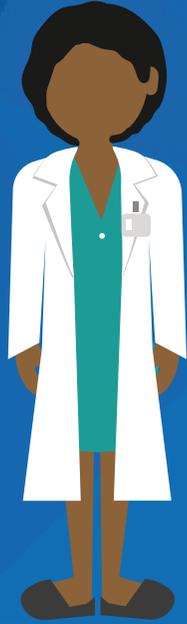
## Who can get the vaccine now?

**Phase 1A:** Front-line healthcare workers

**Phase 1B:** People 65+ or 16+ with a health condition that increases risk of severe COVID-19 illness, including but not limited to:

- Type 2 diabetes
- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Down syndrome
- Organ transplantation
- Obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Some heart conditions

Vaccine may be available for everyone in Spring 2021, depending on supply.



## Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines both require two doses.



It is easier, but not required, to get both doses from the same hub or community provider.

## How can I sign up for the vaccine?

Sign up with a vaccination hub and/or a community vaccine provider like a pharmacy or your doctor.

Go to [dshs.texas.gov/covidvaccine](https://dshs.texas.gov/covidvaccine) to find a hub or provider. Call 2-1-1 if you don't have internet.

### Remember:

Vaccine supply is limited. Not all community providers have vaccine each week and hubs may have long waiting lists.

Do not show up at a hub or provider looking for a vaccine.

Instead, check the provider's website - call only if the website doesn't answer your questions.

*The vaccine is very safe and can save your life!*

## What else should I know?

- The vaccine gives you up to 95% protection from COVID-19 — most likely 1-2 weeks after your second dose.
- We're still learning if vaccinated people can spread the virus.
- So continue to wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, wash hands often and take all steps to stop COVID-19.
- Mild side effects are normal signs your body is building protection, and usually go away after a few days.
- The chance of a severe reaction is less than 0.5%. There's no evidence that vaccines cause long-term health problems.