COVID-19 VACCINATION INFO

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

COVID-19 vaccines will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic.

cdc.gov/coronavirus

Township of West Orange, New Jersey
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WHERE CAN I BE VACCINATED?
West Orange residents are assigned to the former K-Mart Store located at 235 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052. Pre-registration is required.

List of current New Jersey Vaccine Sites (subject to change)

The West Orange Health Department will also be a COVID-19 vaccine provider. The first priority for vaccination will be the residents and staff at our four senior apartment buildings. The Health Department will provide vaccinations at the building site. Future Health Department COVID-19 clinics will be announced according to the phases set by the NJ Dept. of Health.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE?

Click here for list of groups that COVID-19 vaccines are currently available to

Current as of March 7 - please contact New Jersey Department of Health for latest information

Seniors age 75 and older are able to access free, dedicated COVID-19 vaccine appointments in New Jersey

1. Directly call senior-specific hotline
   Seniors, 75 and older, can call 856-249-7007 (senior-specific NJ COVID Call Center hotline, available 8am-8pm) to:
   • Register, schedule and reschedule appointments as needed
   This is a phone number just for those 75 and older.

2. Receive calls from the NJ COVID Vaccine Call Center
   Seniors who are 75 and older on the New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System wait-list may receive calls or messages from the NJ COVID Vaccine Call Center to schedule dedicated appointments at the following locations:
   • Gloucester mega-site
   • Inspira Health (Mullica Hill and Vineland)
   • Walmart (~60 sites)
   • Other sites as available
   These sites may have dedicated appointments for those 75 and older

3. Schedule directly with hospitals, pharmacies and other sites
   Seniors, 75 and older, may also be able to access dedicated appointments at certain hospitals as well as the following retail pharmacies across the state:
   • CVS: (800) 746-7287 https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine
   • Rite Aid: (800) 748-3243 http://riteaidnewjersey
   • Walgreens: 1-800-925-4736(1-800-WALGREENS) https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19/ - for Walgreens account holders only
WHICH VACCINE IS BEING OFFERED?
Essex County will be distributing the Moderna vaccine. The Moderna vaccine is a 2-dose vaccine; each dose is separated by approximately 28 days (4 weeks). Information on the COVID-19 vaccination is constantly getting updated. For more information on vaccine updates, vaccine clinical trials, safety and efficacy please refer to the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Page found here.

HOW MUCH WILL THE VACCINE COST ME?
The vaccine is FREE. There is no cost to residents for the COVID-19 vaccine. Insurance information may be requested if available. Insurance is not needed to receive the vaccine.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT WHEN I ARRIVE FOR MY APPOINTMENT?
After scheduling an appointment, you will receive additional information about your specific date/time. Upon arrival, you will be asked questions related to COVID-19 symptoms and have your temperature taken prior to entering the vaccination site. Face covering are required. After going through registration and vaccination you will remain in an observation area for 15 minutes to make sure you do not have any serious reactions. EMT’s will be at the clinic along with the many nurses to assist you if needed. This vaccine requires two doses 28 days apart. You will have to return to the same vaccination site on day 28. You will receive a reminder card and receive reminders via text or email.
HOW DO I REGISTER FOR VACCINATION?

- Essex County regional vaccination site located at the former Kmart, 235 Prospect Avenue in West Orange at www.EssexCovid.org or by calling the Essex County COVID Call Center at 973-877-8456. This site operates Mondays – Saturdays from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. After a person registers they will receive an email and text message confirming their registration has been received. Once an appointment becomes available the person will receive an email and a text message with an appointment date and time. This can be several days after submitting their initial pre-registration survey, so we remind people to remain patient. To check on the status of an appointment residents can contact the County COVID Call Center at 973-877-8456.

- State of New Jersey Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS) at https://covidvaccine.nj.gov. When pre-registrants become eligible to receive the vaccine they will be enabled to schedule for the vaccine using the NJVSS. They will receive an email notification from NJVSS that includes a link to enable them to schedule their appointment. The West Orange Health Department is planning to use this system to schedule appointments once our clinics are announced. Residents should periodically check our website www.westorange.org/vaccine for updated vaccine and clinic information. Those residents who don’t have access to a computer can call the New Jersey COVID vaccine appointment call center at 855-568-0545 to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Register at other New Jersey vaccination sites, current list of sites can be accessed here List of current New Jersey Vaccine Sites (subject to change).

- The West Orange Health Department is waiting to receive vaccine and plans to vaccinate senior and disabled residents that are not mobile in their home. If you are not already on our home vaccination list, please email healthdept@westorange.org or call 973-325-4120. The Health Department will also schedule vaccination clinics in various neighborhoods to reach out to our residents and make vaccination more accessible.

- As more vaccine becomes available it will become easier to register and receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING VACCINATED?
The COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19. It is a safer way to help build protection and will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic. For more details on the benefits of being vaccinated, click here.
8 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM:

1. The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority.
2. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. Two doses are needed.
3. CDC is making recommendations for who should be offered COVID-19 vaccine first when supplies are limited.
4. There is currently a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine in the United States, but supply will increase in the weeks and months to come.
5. After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects. This is a normal sign that your body is building protection.
6. Cost is not an obstacle to getting vaccinated against COVID-19.
7. The first COVID-19 vaccine is being used under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Many other vaccines are still being developed and tested.
8. COVID-19 vaccines are one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic.

For more information, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/8-things.html

HOW DO COVID-19 VACCINES WORK?

COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness. Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection, but with all types of vaccines, the body is left with a supply of “memory” T-lymphocytes as well as B-lymphocytes that will remember how to fight that virus in the future. Learn more here.
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WEST ORANGE, NJ

COVID-19 VACCINE
Quick Facts

**PROTECTION**
COVID-19 vaccination will help **protect you** from getting COVID-19.

**EVALUATION**
COVID-19 vaccines have been carefully tested and evaluated in **large clinical trials**. Monitoring and evaluation are ongoing.

**DOSES**
Some COVID-19 vaccines require **two doses**, several weeks apart, to be **effective**.

**SIDE EFFECTS**
*Pain and swelling* may occur where you got the shot. Other side effects may feel like **the flu**, but they should go away in a **day or so**.

**COMBINATION**
The **combination** of this vaccination with other precautions will offer the **best protection** from COVID-19.

**PRECAUTIONS**
Before and after vaccination: **wear a mask**, **social distance from others**, **avoid crowds**, and **wash hands often**.

For more information visit [covid19.nj.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine) or call 855-568-0545.

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COVID-19 Vaccines: Know the Facts

**FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.

None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

**FACT:** COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.

Vaccines won't cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.

**FACT:** People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.

At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection (natural immunity) varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.

**FACT:** Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19.

There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. If you get sick, you also may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you are sick. COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.

**FACT:** Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will not alter your DNA.

COVID-19 mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. The COVID-19 viral vector vaccine (Johnson & Johnson) uses a modified version of a different virus (the vector) to deliver important instructions to our cells. Neither affects or interacts with our DNA in any way.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
The county is seeking assistance from community members to help provide administrative assistance for vaccination operations and qualified individuals with a nursing or medical background to be part of the inoculation team. Those working at one of the vaccination sites will be provided with full PPE during the time they are at the site and will receive priority status in receiving the vaccine if they wish to receive the vaccine.

Volunteers must be willing to devote a significant amount of time to this effort, as we anticipate this initiative continuing for as long as three to six months. Anyone interested should send name and contact information to vaccinehelp@admin.essexcountynj.org

EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS 🚨
To sign up for emergency alert notifications including vaccination site updates, natural disaster or other emergency notifications, please visit: www.westorange.org/swift911

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
Email vaccine@westorange.org and our task force will get back to you.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information Hub
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Data Tracker
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit
- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Data Systems
- New Jersey Dept. of Health: COVID-19 Vaccination Hub
- New Jersey Dept. of Health: COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs
- West Orange COVID-19 Information Center