

Children in Children's Long-Term Care Support (CLTS) and other disability-related children's programs are at higher risk for getting sick from COVID-19.



WHEN CAN CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN GET THE VACCINE:

- **Some children in children's Medicaid disability programs are eligible now to get the vaccine.**
 - Youth 16 years old or older can only receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- **Paid and unpaid caregivers, including family members who support the child, can also get the vaccine.**
 - When scheduling an appointment for an eligible child, try to also get an appointment for caregivers. Caregivers and children can go together to get the vaccine.

WHO CAN HELP SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE VACCINE:

- **If you are a child in a Children's Medicaid disability program, you should ask a family member, supported decision maker, friend, caregiver or guardian to help you.**
- If you still need help setting up an appointment, your service coordinator can help.
- Wisconsin has started a vaccine call center. You can call **1-(844) 684-1064** for help and to ask medical questions related to the vaccine

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING TO THE VACCINE APPOINTMENT:

- **Confirmation of the appointment.**
- **Your insurance card.**
- **A driver's license or a state ID if you have one.**
- **If you don't have an ID, bring something with your name on it like:**
 - The letter you received from your children's Medicaid disability program saying the child is in a long-term care program.
 - The child's program service plan.
 - Mail or a pay stub with your name and address.
 - A library card, bus pass, or membership card.

WHERE CAN MY CAREGIVERS AND I GET THE VACCINE :

- **Right now, some pharmacies have available appointments for people in Children's Medicaid disability programs and their caregivers. For Walgreens, Pick 'n Save, and Metro Market, here is how you sign up:**

How to schedule ONLINE through Walgreens:

- Visit the website: <https://www.walgreens.com/>
- You will need to sign up for an account on their website before getting an appointment.
- It is best to check the website or call early in the morning because appointments fill up fast.
- Look for locations in your area that say they have appointments available.
- Both you and your caregiver should check the box for **"I am a resident or staff member in a congregate living facility."**

How to schedule BY PHONE through Walgreens:

- You can call **1-800-925-4733** to schedule your appointment.
- Both you and your caregiver should tell them you are eligible under **"a resident or staff member in a congregate living facility."**

How to schedule ONLINE through Pick 'n Save or Metro Market:

- Visit the website: <https://www.kroger.com>
- Both you and your caregiver should choose **"Long Term Care or Congregate Living Facility Worker."**

- You and your caregivers may be able to get the vaccine at your doctor's office or through your local or tribal health department.

HOW CAN WE GET TO VACCINE APPOINTMENTS:

- If parents or caregivers are available, they can provide transportation.
- Service coordinators can help with scheduling transportation if needed.
- Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT) can be scheduled for the same day as your vaccine.

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine



What proof is needed for the child or caregivers to get the vaccine?

You should not have to show proof, but some places have been asking for proof. You can take the letters you received for about the child being in a children's Medicaid disability program and about their caregivers. You can also show vaccinators the website with the lists of who is approved: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Should caregivers get a vaccine?

Getting the vaccine can help keep caregivers from getting sick with COVID-19. The vaccine is one or two shots which use mRNA to teach the body how to fight the virus so it doesn't feel sick. After a lot of people get the vaccine, we can go back to our activities and start seeing people again.

Do caregivers need to get both shots for the vaccine to work?

It depends on which vaccine they receive. Some are given in two shots and people need to get both shots for the vaccine to work. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is given in one shot. The person giving the vaccine will let people know if they need one or two shots.

Do we need to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine?

No. You will get the vaccine for free.

Should caregivers get the vaccine if they already had COVID-19?

Talk to a doctor about this. People who have had the virus can get sick again. The doctor may suggest people wait depending on when they had COVID-19.

Will caregivers still need to wear a mask, social distance, and wash their hands after getting the vaccine?

Yes. It is important for everyone, even those who got the vaccine, to do these things until doctors learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine. Continuing to wear a mask, social distance, and wash hands will continue to protect everyone not only from COVID-19, but also other viruses like the flu.

Is the vaccine safe?

The vaccine was tested with many thousands of people to make sure it is safe. These people were different ages and races and they had different health problems.

Most people did not have any serious reactions to the vaccine. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are not approved for people under 18 years old. The Pfizer vaccine is not approved for people under 16 years old. When someone gets the vaccine, they wait for 15-30 minutes with the person who gave it to them to make sure they do not have any bad reactions. If you are concerned about getting the vaccine, you should talk to your doctor.



Who can help me if I have questions?

Checking the websites of your local or tribal health department, pharmacies, or hospitals can help you stay informed about what is happening in your area. You can also find more resources at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-faq.htm>



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Talk to your service coordinator if you need help.

More info on the COVID-19 vaccine can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-get.htm>

