

People with disabilities in IRIS are at higher risk for getting sick from COVID-19. It is important that IRIS participants, their families, and their support staff get the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to them so that everyone is protected.



WHEN CAN MY CAREGIVERS AND I GET THE VACCINE:

■ **As of April 5th, 2021, all people 16 years old and older in Wisconsin are eligible to get the vaccine.**

- Youth 16 years old or older can only receive the Pfizer vaccine.

■ You should talk to your caregivers and family members so that you can plan to go together and get vaccinated at the same time.

WHO CAN HELP SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE VACCINE:

■ **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.

■ You can also call the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance Hotline **(844) 684-1064** for help finding or registering for an appointment.

HOW CAN I GET TO MY VACCINE APPOINTMENT:

■ 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.

■ Some Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and Tribes are starting at-home vaccination programs. If you are not able to leave your home to get a vaccine, you should talk to your ADRC or your IRIS consultant about your options.

WHERE CAN MY CAREGIVERS AND I GET THE VACCINE:

■ **Pharmacy Programs:**

When signing up for appointments pick the eligibility category that best describes you.

- Costco: Visit the Costco **website**.
- CVS: Visit the CVS **website**.
- Hy-Vee: Visit the Hy-Vee **website**.
- Metro Market and Pick-n-Save. To sign up, check the **website** or call **866-211-5320**.
- Meijer: Visit the Meijer **website** or call your local Meijer pharmacy.
- Walgreens: Visit the **Walgreens** website to create an account or call **1-800-Walgreens**.
- Walmart: Visit the Walmart **website** or call your local Walmart pharmacy.
- Other independent pharmacies are also offering the vaccine. To find a vaccine near you, you can use the vaccine provider map at: **<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-map.htm>**.

■ **Community Vaccination Clinics**

People interested in getting vaccinated at a DHS community vaccination clinic must register through the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry. Please visit **<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-registry.htm>** or call **1-844-684-1064** to find if there is a DHS community-based vaccination clinic in your area.

■ **Mass Vaccination Clinics**

Mass vaccination clinics are supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). To register for a vaccine at one of the mass vaccination clinics, visit **www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-registry.htm** or call **1-844-684-1064**.

- Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
- Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Zorn Arena, Eau Claire, WI

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

COVID-19 IRIS information can be found here: **<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth-adult.htm>**

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine



What should I bring to my vaccine appointment?

Each vaccine provider may want you to bring different items. Make sure to check their website or call them to see what you should bring.

Common items to bring include:

- Confirmation of your appointment.
- Your vaccination card, if you are going for your second shot.
- Your insurance card, if you have one.
- An ID or something with your name and address on it, like mail.

You SHOULD NOT be turned away if you do not have insurance or an ID.

Should caregivers get a vaccine?

Yes, it is important for caregivers to get vaccinated. Getting the vaccine can help keep caregivers from getting sick with COVID-19 and spreading it to others.

Do I need to get two shots for the vaccine to work?

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are given in two shots. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is given in one shot. The person giving the vaccine will let you know if you need to come back for a second shot.

Should my caregiver I get the vaccine if we already had COVID-19?

Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19, because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting it again. If you had a treatment for COVID-19, you should talk to your doctor before getting the vaccine.

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

No. You will get the vaccine for free.

Do I still need to wear a mask and physically distance after getting the vaccine?

Once it has been two or more weeks since your final vaccine shot, you are fully vaccinated. This means you can safely visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors and without masks. You should continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing in public spaces and when visiting people who aren't vaccinated. Learn more about what you can do after you get vaccinated at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-after.htm>

Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines. Some people have no side effects. Many people have reported only mild side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. These are normal signs the body is building protection. 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?

Your caregiver or IRIS consultant can help answer your questions. You can also call the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance Hotline with any questions **(844) 684-1064**. You can also find more resources at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-faq.htm>

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