

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I get a vaccine right now?**

In Sarpy and Cass Counties, any resident born in 1951 or before is eligible to be vaccinated. The vaccine supply remains limited, so your appointment may be two to four weeks after you become eligible.

During the week of March 1, the Health Department anticipates opening up eligibility to residents who were born in 1956 or before.

Specific groups listed in Phases 1A and 1B of the state's vaccination plan also are eligible to receive the vaccine, including healthcare providers, first responders, critical utility workers and corrections employees. Residents in these groups are provided vaccination opportunities at separate vaccination clinics.

### **How will I know I am eligible to receive the vaccine?**

The best way to make sure you know when you are eligible is to register for the state's vaccination eligibility notifications. Register at [vaccinate.ne.gov](https://vaccinate.ne.gov). If you pre-registered with the Sarpy/Cass Health Department, you do not need to register with the state.

When you are eligible, you will receive an email or phone call from the Health Department with information about where and how to make an appointment.

We will also provide eligibility information to local media and post it on the Sarpy/Cass Health Department website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

- Website: [SarpyCassHealthDepartment.org](https://SarpyCassHealthDepartment.org)
- Facebook: [Facebook.com/SarpyCassHealth](https://Facebook.com/SarpyCassHealth)
- Twitter: [Twitter.com/SarpyCassHealth](https://Twitter.com/SarpyCassHealth)

### **How do I set up an appointment to get the vaccine?**

If you registered for notifications from either the state or the Sarpy/Cass Health Department, when you are eligible you will receive information from the Health Department, via email or phone, regarding the locations that will be providing vaccine appointments. You can choose the clinic that works best for you.

Any eligible resident can also visit [www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/myturn](https://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/myturn) to see a full list of vaccination clinics. This site includes links to make your appointment online as well as phone numbers for the community vaccine providers.

**What if I don't have access to the internet or struggle with online forms?**

Several of the community vaccine providers allow you to make appointments by phone. Those phone numbers will be provided to you in both the email and phone notifications when you are eligible.

You can also ask a friend or loved to help you register for an appointment.

You can also call the Health Department at 402-339-4334 and press 1 to speak with a representative that will be happy to help you schedule an appointment.

**Why are appointment times so far out?**

Though demand for the vaccine is very high, the supply remains very limited. Based on the current amount of vaccine the Sarpy/Cass Health Department receives each week, it will take at least three to four weeks to vaccinate all residents within each age group. So even if you are eligible to make an appointment, it may be a few weeks before your actual appointment date.

Until we see a drastic increase in the vaccine supply, there will continue to be a delay between eligibility and appointments.

**Is there a way to sign up for an "extra dose"?**

There are no extra doses. Each clinic's schedule is built to ensure that all doses are provided to eligible residents.

**What type of vaccine is available in Sarpy and Cass counties?**

The Sarpy/Cass health jurisdiction is receiving only the Moderna product at this time. This vaccine has Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for adults 18 and older. Moderna is a two-dose vaccine with the second dose given 28 days after the first dose.

**What if I can't get my second dose in 28 days?**

According to the CDC, the second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible. However, if it is not feasible to adhere to the recommendation of 28 days, the second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose.

**When should I schedule my second dose?**

The Health Department recommends scheduling your second dose while scheduling your first appointment.

**What if I have cancel or reschedule my appointment?**

If you need to cancel or reschedule your vaccination appointment, please contact the vaccination clinic directly. Your appointment confirmation instructions will contain a phone number or email address to cancel or reschedule.