



FAQs



Can I get the COVID-19 vaccine? Who is eligible?

Yes, you can get it now! Since March 29, Kansas has been in Phase 5, meaning anyone 12+ is now eligible to receive the vaccine. Parental consent is required for those under the age of 18 years and please note only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for use in people ages 12-17.



I am pregnant or lactating. Should I get the vaccine?

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you may receive any of the currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Experts believe that the risks of COVID-19 illness outweigh risks of vaccination. Additional studies are underway or planned



Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?

Yes! If you are trying to become pregnant now or want to get pregnant in the future, you may receive a COVID-19 vaccine. There is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine causes any problems with pregnancy or fertility.



Will the COVID-19 vaccine make me test positive?

No. Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States will cause you to test positive. If your body develops an immune response, which is the goal of vaccination, there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests and should be confirmed by a viral test. These antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and/or that you may have some level of protection against the virus.



Will the COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19?

No. None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. The goal for each vaccine is to teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building immunity.



How will my information be used? How will my data be used? Will my data be shared with ICE or other immigration enforcement agencies if I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

This information is never shared with ICE, immigration enforcement agencies or law enforcement. The Department of Health and Human Services and CDC always strive to keep patient info. confidential

NEXT STEPS HOW DO I GET THE VACCINE?

To find a vaccine provider, visit Vaccine Finder (www.vaccines.gov/search/), contact your Local Health Department, call 211, or call the KDHE COVID-19 Hotline (866-534-3463 / 866-KDHEINF). You can also text your zip code to 438829 (GETVAX) or 822862 (VACUNA) for assistance in English and Spanish, respectively.



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What is the cost of getting vaccinated?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free to all Kansans and no insurance is required.



What do I need to provide to get vaccinated?

Most vaccination sites don't ask for proof of identity and many do not require documentation at all. You do not need to be a US citizen or provide citizenship status to get vaccinated

If easily available, officials recommend that you bring a photo ID that shows your name and birth date (to check spelling / eligibility), like a driver's license, school ID, or foreign government-issued ID card. Requirements vary by provider, so please check before you go.



What is "contact tracing"?

Contact tracing is the process of identifying, assessing, and managing people who have been exposed to a disease to prevent onward transmission. These people are called contacts. Contact tracing for COVID-19 requires identifying people who may have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 and following them daily for 14 days. The goal is to stop the virus by reducing the number of people who are spreading it.



How effective will a COVID-19 vaccine be?

The three authorized vaccines have greater than 90% effectiveness in clinical trials against hospitalization and death from the virus.



Why is the COVID-19 vaccine helpful?

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will help eliminate or significantly decrease the life-threatening complications of COVID-19 and will help reduce the spread of the disease.



I'm an employer. Why should I encourage my employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

By providing information about COVID-19 vaccination and establishing supportive policies and practices, employers can help increase vaccine uptake among workers.

If you're an employer, consider the following benefits from vaccination:

- Employees who are vaccinated against COVID-19 are unlikely to get sick and need time off for illness.
- Employees who are vaccinated will not spread COVID-19 in the workplace, reducing the chance that there will be an outbreak requiring employees to be off work to quarantine.
- The more employees vaccinated, the less likely your business will need to slow down due to a COVID-19 outbreak among employees.

Simply said, COVID-19 vaccine is Good for Business!

Additionally, as part of the American Rescue Plan, businesses with fewer than 500 employees will be reimbursed (up to \$511 per day per employee) through a paid tax credit. 30% of unvaccinated employees say they are more likely to get shots if their employers offer incentives. As a result, this benefit is expected to be a helpful motivator for unvaccinated Kansans.



If I've already had COVID-19 should I get vaccinated?

Yes, reinfection is possible, so vaccination is recommended even if a person has previously been infected with COVID-19.



What are the possible side effects of a COVID-19 vaccine?

The most common symptoms are fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, and injection site pain. More people experience these side effects after the second dose.