



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.



What is the cost of getting vaccinated?

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



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.



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.



How effective are the COVID-19 vaccines?

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



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.

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.