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COVID-19 Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

What do 1A, 1B and the General Public Categories mean? Phase 1A, which consists of frontline health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, has already been carried out in Aransas County. Phase 1B is for anyone age 65 or older and/or 16 years of age or older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk of serious illness from COVID-19. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, cancer, kidney disease, COPD, heart conditions, obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, or Type 2 diabetes. General Public and the latest information from the Texas Department of Health Services is here <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine/>

Where can I go to get vaccinated if I am in Phase [1A](#)?

You may get vaccinated from any provider that has COVID-19 vaccines. Follow this [map](#) provided by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and click on the geographic area for the specific county for vaccine availability. Individuals that don't have a provider, or their provider/doctor did not sign up to be a COVID19 provider, can get them at the Corpus Christi–Nueces County Public Health District Distribution “Mega Drive Thru” Site as more vaccines become available.

Where can I go to get vaccinated if I am in Phase [1B](#)?

You may get vaccinated from any provider that has COVID-19 vaccines. Follow this [map](#) provided by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and click on the geographic area for the specific county for vaccine availability. Individuals that don't have a provider, or their provider/doctor did not sign up to be a COVID19 provider, can get them at the Corpus Christi–Nueces County Public Health District Distribution “Mega Drive Thru” Site as more vaccines become available.

Since Aransas County doesn't have a Health District, can we go to Corpus Christi? Yes. You may go anywhere in Nueces County or the state. Corpus Christi currently has a permanent “Mega Drive Thru” site for distribution of the vaccine at Richard Borchard Fairgrounds - 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd, Robstown, TX 78380. The Health District will be vaccinating eligible Phase 1A and Phase 1B individuals regardless of county residency. YOU MUST pre-register online, visit www.ctexas.com/coronavirus and follow the link for latest updates. They are working hard to open the same day the COVID-19 vaccines arrive. They do not know when the COVID-19 vaccines will arrive until the evening before the vaccine arrives — for the safety of the vaccine. Once they know it will be arriving the following day, they send out a news release so that the public can be informed. They will try to open the clinic about one hour after the arrival of the vaccine. They have to thaw the vaccine prior to administering. Inclement weather may also affect this.

Where can I find information on OTHER vaccination hub sites other than Corpus Christi? Click [here](#) for COVID 19-Vaccination Hub Providers.

How does the second dose work? Second dose recipients will get a reminder that their second dose is needed and a link to pre-register for it. Second dose recipients will be able to go straight through with those that are pre-registered to get their second dose. You will all be offered this same method when it is time for your second dose. Your second dose must be from the same manufacturer (Pfizer or Moderna) as the first dose.

How much does it cost? There is no charge for the vaccine. Some places may charge an administrative fee.

Why have essential employees not been mentioned in the first two phases? The phases were defined by an expert panel consisting of health care, medical, and public health professionals that had to decide who was at higher risk for contracting the disease first. While the phase may not say “essential employee” you still may fall into Phase 1A or 1B if you are over 65 or have chronic medical conditions.

Have our Nursing Homes residents been vaccinated? Health and Human Services oversees the nursing homes and they set up a system for them to be vaccinated.. They started vaccinating nursing homes on December 28. Of the residents choosing to be vaccinated, all three of our nursing and assisted living facilities have been or are on a list to be vaccinated.

How can we help? Be patient. The goal is to vaccinate as many people in the community that want to be vaccinated. Check all sites available.

Can I get the COVID-19 Vaccine if I just got my flu shot? It is recommended that you wait at least 14 days before getting your COVID-19 vaccine. You should not get any other vaccines for at least 14 days before you get your COVID-19 vaccine.

Can I get the COVID-19 Vaccine if I already had coronavirus? Yes, you may still get the vaccine.

What if I am pregnant/lactating (breast feeding) can I get vaccinated? Yes, you can get the vaccine, but talk to your OB/GYN before making that decision.

What if I have an immunosuppressed disorder, can I get vaccinated? Yes, you can get the vaccine, but it is good to talk to your physician before making that decision.

What if I am diagnosed with COVID-19, can I get vaccinated? Not while you are sick with the virus.

What are commonly asked questions of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)? Click [here](#) for questions.

What are commonly asked questions of the Center for Disease Control (CDC)? The federal government, through [Operation Warp Speed](#) has been working since the pandemic started to make one or more COVID-19 vaccines available as soon as possible. Although CDC does not have a role in developing COVID-19 vaccines, CDC has been working closely with health departments and partners to develop vaccination plans for when a vaccine is available. CDC is working with partners at all levels, including healthcare associations, on flexible COVID-19 vaccination programs that can accommodate different vaccines and scenarios. See commonly asked questions [here](#).

What is the vaccination distribution process? Click [here](#) for chart on national level. Click here for [plan](#) on the state level.

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