



Walton County Emergency Operations Center
JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID – 19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

Please review this document before you comment or message with your questions as it may be addressed below. This FAQ will be updated when new information is available. Thank you.

I was unable to get through on Monday, January 4, 2021. Does this mean I will not receive a vaccine?

Not for this first batch of 1300 doses, however, there will be future vaccine distributions. Per the Health Department, at this time, they are planning on using the existing list until it is exhausted although this is subject to change based upon how the situation evolves.”

How do I know if I will receive a vaccine appointment?

If you called, emailed, filled out the online form, or registered at a DOH-Walton facility you will be contacted.

Why didn't I get a call regarding a vaccine appointment?

If you did not receive a call, then either the information on the spreadsheet was incorrect or it was received after the cut-off time. In any case, there are no appointments available. Please monitor Facebook and the County website for updates.

How do I get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in the future or get put on the list?

We are not adding anyone to a “waiting list”. The form and taking contact information was only used to assist in getting appointments to people due to the telephone system failure. Walton County is creating an online appointment portal for future vaccine distributions. If you or your loved one do not have access to the internet, or are not comfortable with the online portal, you will have the ability to register over the phone. Appointment windows and the registration portal will be announced on the DOH-Walton and Walton County’s Websites and the Walton County Emergency Management Facebook page when they become available.

Who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

Per the Governor’s executive, order only frontline healthcare workers, residents of Assisted Living Facilities or Nursing Homes, and those over the age of 65, regardless of medical conditions or exact age, are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are distributed on a first come first serve basis. As we move into subsequent phases of distribution this list will expand.

I am under the age of 65 when can I expect to receive my vaccine?

Due to the widespread demand for the COVID-19 vaccine there is very limited supply and no estimate for when this current phase of vaccine distribution will end, and the next phases will begin.

When will I schedule my additional dose?

The appointment to receive your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be scheduled the day you receive your first shot.

Can I choose the manufacturer of the COVID-19 vaccine I receive?

No, you are unable to choose the manufacturer for the vaccine you receive. Walton County receives little to no notice on which manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine it will be sent.

Do I need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

No, you do not need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine if I recently got a flu or other vaccine?

You may not receive a COVID-19 vaccine if you received any vaccine, to include flu, within the last 14 days. After that 14-day window you will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

I was COVID-19 Positive, am I eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

You may receive a COVID-19 vaccine 14 days after you have recovered from COVID-19.

If I am allergic to any other vaccines can I get COVID-19 vaccine?

It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

If I am pregnant or breastfeeding can I get COVID-19 vaccine?

Neither of these demographics had any contraindications during vaccine trials. We recommend you discuss your condition(s) with your healthcare provider prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Why are non-Walton county residents getting vaccines?

The COVID-19 vaccine is a federal resource which **does not** allow us to use non-medical factors to limit who can receive the vaccine in Walton County.

Why is there not a running waitlist for a COVID-19 vaccine?

A running waitlist is not an efficient way to manage vaccine distribution. Factors such as: Uncertainty in our next shipment of the vaccine, the labor intensive and time consuming nature of calling thousands of people back to create an appointment, and the potential for many on that waitlist to have already received a vaccine, outside of Walton County, all create a situation for even more frustration and confusion. The planned appointment process, one that is tied to vaccine availability, will allow you to know that you have a dose assigned to you at a date and time that works best for you.

How does Walton County receive COVID-19 vaccine allotment?

Walton County does not order or have input in the number of vaccines it receives. Vaccine allocations to the State is decided by the Federal government. The State decides the allocations to the counties. We do not know when we will receive vaccine or how many doses we will receive. We cannot request vaccine. We only get a few days notice on vaccine deliveries. The State Emergency Operations Center determines the number of vaccines and shipment schedule every Florida county will receive. That is not a set number and changes based on nationwide vaccine availability.

Is there a cost associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?

No, there is no cost for a COVID-19 vaccine.

What should I be prepared to do regarding COVID-19 in the short-term after receiving the vaccine?

Once you receive the vaccine, you are not totally immune to COVID after first vaccination. You should still use mitigation measures including social distancing, masking and handwashing.