

Why Should I Get Vaccinated and Boosted for COVID-19?



COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, and similar to what we know from other recommended vaccines, people who are up to date with their vaccines are well protected from serious illness or other poor health outcomes. Staying up to date with your vaccines means getting your booster dose.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free for all people in Rhode Island

The vaccines cost nothing. You do not need insurance. You do not need to give information about immigration status.

Vaccine and booster appointments are offered near most neighborhoods. Visit c19vaccineri.org to find a COVID-19 vaccination site near you.

Transportation and at-home services are also available by calling 401-462-4444.



COVID-19 vaccines are safe

Severe side effects from the COVID-19 vaccines are extremely rare. The CDC continues to recommend them. Getting an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is preferred to getting a Johnson & Johnson vaccine. However,

getting any vaccine is better than remaining unvaccinated.



People who are up to date on vaccinations are highly protected against COVID-19, including against variants.



Lots of different people have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine with the same **great results**, including **Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous**, and other **people of color**; people with **health conditions**; and **pregnant** people.

The odds of getting very sick from COVID-19 are much higher than the odds of having serious side effects from the vaccine.

“This is important for our community, and this is important for our present and our future. We’ll be calling, we’ll be talking, we’ll be asking, we’ll be pleading —but most importantly, we want to see everyone get vaccinated.”

— Pastor Howard Jenkins, Bethel AME Church, Providence



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We can help

Contact us for help with:

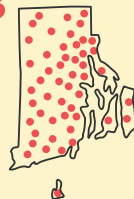
- Scheduling COVID-19 vaccine, booster, or testing appointments
- Access to in-home vaccination programs
- Finding vaccine and testing locations
- Answers to your vaccine questions
- Transportation
- Language and access services
- Other services and supports

Call: 401-462-4444 or 211

Visit: www.unitedwayri.org/get-help/point/

Visit: C19vaccineri.org

Vaccines and boosters are available all over Rhode Island.



What to know about COVID-19 vaccines

- If you got Pfizer or Moderna for your primary series, you can get a COVID-19 booster dose at least five months after completing your primary series. If you got Johnson & Johnson for your primary series, you can get a COVID-19 booster dose at least two months after your primary COVID-19 vaccination.
- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people age 12 and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future. Pregnant and recently pregnant people are more likely to get very sick with COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can protect you from getting severely sick from COVID-19.



“I think you also have a responsibility to yourself and to your community and to your family to do your research and to get the vaccine.”

- Virginia L. Thimas, Member of Bethel AME Church, Providence

It's okay if you still have questions. Talk to a trusted healthcare provider.

Visit C19vaccineRI.org to learn more. Email RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov or call **401-222-8022** for any COVID-19 questions. Adults 55+ and adults with a disability can call the Point at **401-462-4444 or 211** for assistance.

Hear more about the COVID-19 vaccine from community leaders at bit.ly/vaxRIcommunity