

Maine DHHS

COVID-19 Vaccines Information for Clinicians

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Welcome

- Introductions
- Session goals & format
- CME available (0.5 AMA PRA Cat 1 Credit/session)
 - **If CME desired, pls email your name & session attended to COVIDCME.DHHS@maine.gov**
- Future sessions
- Current context

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COVID-19 Vaccines – Info for Clinicians

- Clinical trials & emerging vaccines
- Vaccine updates
- Impact of viral variants
- **Pfizer vaccine for 12-15yo's**
- Addressing clinical questions
- Reporting & tracking adverse events
- Promoting vaccine equity
- Building vaccine confidence
- **State vaccination priorities & distribution efforts**

Vaccines for 12-15 yo's

- Pfizer vaccine already authorized for 16 -17yo's
- [FDA](#) & [ME CDC](#) have now authorized Pfizer for 12-15 yo's
- Issues specific to vaccinating youth:
 - Parental consent must be obtained
 - ID not required; parent/guardian can attest to age eligibility of youth
 - Given limited experience of COVID-19 vaccines with youth, recommended to have parent or guardian present, although not required
 - Sites vaccinating children noted on [ME COVID Vaccine site](#)
 - Youth 16yrs & older can ride alone in state-contracted transportation (ModivCare)

Issues for Vaccinating Youth

Consent:

- Parental/guardian consent required, can be via phone, electronically, or paper
- Some youth may give their own consent, including those ...
 - Living separately from parents/legal guardian & indep of parental support
 - Are or were legally married
 - Are or were member of US Armed Forces
 - Have been emancipated by the court

If Maine DHHS is youth's legal guardian:

- Resource (foster) parents can provide consent
- Youth must be informed of risks and benefits of vaccine, must be involved in decision to receive vaccine
- In most cases, resource/foster parents and/or DHHS caseworkers must accompany youth to receive vaccine
- Questions regarding immunization for youth in state custody should be directed to DHHS youth caseworker

Issues for Vaccinating Youth

- Vaccination-related anxiety & post-vaccination syncope may occur more frequently in youth
- Youth observed to have higher rate of vasovagal reactions & syncope with HPV vaccines
- MMWR recently [reported](#) on clusters of syncopal events at 5 mass vax sites offering J&J vaccine - attributed to anxiety, individuals' propensity to vaccine-related syncope
- Maine FEMA MVU observed syncopal events post-J&J vaccine - improved after stocking juice boxes, encouraging pre-visit hydration
- Providers encouraged to be prepared to provide place for pts to lie down if feeling faint, hydrate

Strategies to Immunize Youth

- Maine's overall vaccine strategy: vaccinate as quickly & equitably as possible
- Per [May 5 DHHS Guidance](#), COVID Vaccine Providers encouraged to work directly with schools to vaccinate youth, including special clinics for students and families
- All MIP-approved COVID Vaccine Providers that offer Pfizer vaccine are encouraged to support effort to immunize youth 12-17yo
- May now also include primary care practices that can store Pfizer
- May include hosting school-based clinics, holding special hours for youth at large clinics, hosting drive-through clinics (to facilitate parental consents), and other targeted efforts
- Pharmacies can immunize children 3+yo during Public Health Emergency
- Currently Walgreens is only pharmacy getting Pfizer; may change over time
- Providers should educate youth and their families about importance of COVID-19 vaccines, identify areas in the community where COVID-19 vaccines are available for youth, sign up to provide vaccines or partner with others to do so

Messages for Youth Vaccines

[National Study of Youth Opinions on COVID Vaccination in U.S](#)

Journal of Adolescent Health (911 respondents to open-ended questions regarding COVID-19 vaccination to cohort of 14- 24yo's)

- Responses:
 - 75.9% reported willingness to receive COVID-19 vaccine
 - 42.7% had unconditional willingness
 - 33.3% conditionally willing, 81% of which willing if experts deemed vaccination safe and recommended
- Most youth willing to receive vaccine when they believe it is safe, recommended
- **Themes:** protect self, protect others, vaccines are important, return to normalcy, vaccine is safe, stop worry, must get for job
- **Preferred info sources:** medical organizations (CDC, WHO), providers
- **Frequent concerns:** side effects (36.2%) and efficacy (20.1%)
- **Recommendations:** Public health experts, organizations must generate youth-centered materials that directly address their vaccination concerns

COVID & Other Vaccines in Youth

- Reminder: US CDC currently recommends that people wait minimum 14D before & after COVID-19 and other vaccines
- Given that timing, providers may potentially need to coordinate timing of COVID vaccine with other routine childhood vaccines & annual flu vaccine immunizations in fall
- Reminder: state law [PL154](#) that goes into effect Sept 2021, removing religious or philosophical exemption for childhood vaccines required by schools
- **NOTE: COVID vaccine is not on list of mandatory school vaccines; legislative approval would be needed to add it**
- MAAP has worked with professional organizations to develop [Request for Medical Exemption from Mandatory Immunization form](#) to assist providers and schools

Resources: COVID Vaccine for Youth

- **CHOP Vaccine Education Center**
 - www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/making-vaccines/prevent-covid
 - www.chop.edu/news/long-term-side-effects-covid-19-vaccine
- **Maine**
 - **Maine CDC:** [Video](#) of Providers Discussing COVID Vaccine
 - **Maine CDC Facebook page:** [#VaccineAnswersForME Facebook Page](#)
 - **Information for MaineCare Members on COVID-19 Vaccine Information**
 - [Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#) - Updated March 12, 2021 (translate)
 - [Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19 for Individuals Aged 16 and 17 Years \(PDF\)](#) - (Translation pending)
- **AAP:** [AAP Page on COVID Vaccines](#): Information for Families
 - [When can children get the COVID-19 vaccine?](#) Help families understand that COVID-19 vaccine is our best hope for ending the pandemic and urge them to get vaccine as soon as it is available. Also available [here in Spanish](#)
 - [The Science Behind the COVID-19 Vaccine: Parent FAQs](#) - helps parents understand how vaccines work. Also available [here in Spanish](#)

Maine Plan for Vaccine Distribution*

Phase 1a

- Health Care Personnel
- Residents & staff of long-term care facilities
- Public safety
- State COVID response critical personnel



All Other

- Current:
 - **All individuals 12yo & older**

*Updates posted to Gov Mills COVID Vaccine website: www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines
NOTE: Facilities booking appts listed at: www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites

NEW: Physician Practices & COVID Vaccines

- ME CDC/MIP announced on May 6 that all MIP-approved COVID Vaccine Providers can now order vaccine
- More detailed info re: ordering process is available in [COVID-19 Vaccine Request Process](#)
- Orders must be submitted weekly using [COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Allocation Request Form](#)
- Orders should be sent to C19Allocations.MECDC@Maine.gov by 5pm each Monday
- Ordering is NOT yet available in ImmPact
- Due to limited federal allotments, ability to fulfill all orders is not guaranteed at this time

Health Equity “Pop-Up” Clinics

- Community partners invited to apply to host Pop-Up clinics to improve vaccine confidence & access for underserved communities – [online application](#) available
- Selected organizations linked with MIP-approved vaccine provider
- Communities encouraged to use [zip code-level data](#) to target vaccination outreach efforts
- Community sponsors select physical location, plan logistics, provide staff or volunteers on site to serve as greeters, cultural brokers, interpreters
- Vaccine providers work with community sponsors to coordinate scheduling & ensure clinical and support staff

Ensuring Racial/Ethnic Equity

ME DHHS Equity webinar Wed, May 19, 7:30A

- **Register in advance** for this and additional webinars in monthly series:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsfuGvpj0jGdaRiW5Y15qnYa2AMVriHgal> , *OR*
- **Log on at the time of the webinar** with following link: <https://zoom.us/j/93198786932>
 - Meeting ID: 931 9878 6932
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***NOTE:** Clinician Info Sessn's now being held on 2nd & 4th Tues (7:30A) & Fri (12N) each month

WHY ARE YOU ASKING MY RACE AND ETHNICITY?

We care about equity.

Maine is committed to ensuring that COVID-19 vaccines are distributed equitably to all Mainers. We understand that the pandemic has disproportionately affected Black, Latinx, Asian and Tribal populations and want to ensure that vaccines reach those communities.

We want to serve your needs.

Like other demographic data, this information helps state and local entities understand how programs and policies are working for various groups. We use the data to make changes to those programs and policies so they are culturally and linguistically tailored to communities. In short, it holds us accountable and helps us to better serve your needs.

To help ensure equal opportunity.

We have an obligation to detect and deal with apparent inequity. Government, policy makers, and advocates use this data to identify potential gaps and advocate for change that improves the lives of communities.

What about privacy? Race v. ethnicity?

We compile this information to create statistics for groups of people that share particular answers. We do not disclose personally identifying information. We are legally bound to strict confidentiality requirements. Individual records are not shared with anyone, including state agencies and enforcement entities.

Race is a socially determined category used to describe real or perceived differences between groups of people. **Ethnicity** is a socially determined category used to describe nationality, or shared custom or culture. We use standard categories that allow us to compare across other systems and states. We understand the categories may not be the way you would normally describe yourself.



State Vaccination Efforts: FEMA MVU

- FEMA Mobile Van Units (MVU) cont to host mobile clinics in rural Maine through early July
- Van currently in Waterville (J&J vaccine)
- Next wk (May 14-20): Oxford, Windham for 2nd Moderna doses
- Then Old Town (May 22) & further north & east
- Vaccination by appointment + walk-up
- Appts can be sched'd via ME Community Vaccination Line: tel. 1-888-445-4111 or [VaccinateME.maine.gov](https://www.vaccinateME.maine.gov)

New State Vaccination Efforts: Promerica Mobile Unit - Lewiston

- ME DHHS has contracted w/ Promerica to launch mobile vaccine clinic in Lewiston starting May 7
- Partnership with City of Lewiston
- Located in Oak St municipal lot
- Offering Moderna, available for 18yo+
- Variably open early & late to accomodate shift workers
- Will travel to additional sites in Androscoggin County & western Maine in coming weeks
- Appts available as walk-up, or can be sched'd via ME Community Vaccination Line: tel. 1-888-445-4111 or via [VaccinateME.maine.gov](https://www.vaccinateME.maine.gov)

Community Vaccination Call Line

- Community Vaccination Line: tel. 1-888-445-4111
- Available M-F: 7A -7P, & Sat-Sun: 8A - 2P
- Can help those who...
 - Do not have internet access
 - Need assistance connecting to or navigating online resources
 - Require interpretation assistance
 - Are home bound and need transportation
 - Have other questions about resources in their area
- *Will not provide faster access to clinic appts*

Transportation Assistance

- Maine DHHS offering free transportation to anyone needing ride to vaccination appt
- Individ's must first schedule vaccine appt
- Those with vaccine appt can schedule rides by calling tel. 1-855-608-5172 (Mon-Sat, 7A – 4P)
- Need to call at least 48hrs before vaccine appt
- Managed by ModivCare (formerly LogistiCare), with contracts to CAPs & other agencies
- Drivers will leave pts for appt, return at 60' or 90'
- Coming soon: Uber coupons – through community organizations

Gov Mills Info COVID Vaccine

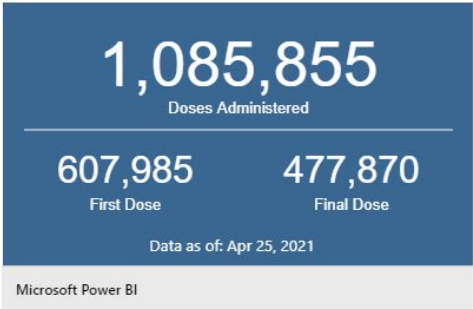


Maine is committed to an accessible, flexible, and equitable vaccination effort.

Our vaccination strategy has two immediate goals:

- 1. Save the lives of Maine people at greatest risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.
- 2. Ensure vaccine providers can efficiently and quickly vaccinate as many people as possible.

To learn more about vaccines and the vaccination process, please consult our [FAQs](#).



[View Maine's COVID-19 vaccination dashboard](#)

Gov Mills Info COVID Vaccine

When can I get vaccinated?



All people age 12+ are now eligible for vaccination

Find a COVID-19 vaccination site in Maine

Call the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111.

Gov Mills Info COVID Vaccine

When can I get vaccinated?



All Maine residents age 16+ are now eligible for vaccination

Some vaccine sites are now accepting appointments for newly eligible residents, while others are preparing to offer appointments in the coming days.

To make an appointment:

[Find a COVID-19 vaccination site in Maine](#)

[Call the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111.](#)

Only Maine residents are eligible to receive a vaccine in Maine. For details, [please visit our FAQs.](#)

How to make a vaccine appointment in Maine

Vaccine Locations

All Maine residents age 16 and over are now eligible for vaccination. [Find a site](#) to schedule your appointment.

Community Vaccination Line

[1-888-445-4111](tel:1-888-445-4111)

Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., or Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The Community Vaccination Line **helps Maine people schedule appointments at vaccine clinics.**

For translation services, call the number and state your desired language (for example: "Spanish"). Deaf and hard of hearing individuals may dial 711 and asked to be connected to the number above. The vaccination line does not provide faster access to appointments.

Need a Ride To Your Vaccine Appointment?

[1-855-608-5172](tel:1-855-608-5172)

The Department of Health and Human Services is offering a [free option for Maine people](#) who need a ride to and from a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. Call 1-855-608-5172 to reserve a ride at least 48 hours in advance of your appointment.

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ME CDC COVID Vaccine Resources

https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/covid-19-providers/index.shtml

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Updates and Information

DHHS → MeCDC → Disease Surveillance → MIP Home → COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Portal

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General Information

- MIP Home
- COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Portal
- COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment
- COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources
- COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheets/VIS Forms
- COVID-19 Vaccine Safety
- COVID-19 Vaccine Communications

Report a Disease

2-1-1 Social Services Help

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- U.S. CDC COVID-19 Website
- State of Maine COVID-19 Vaccine Orders (PDF)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Info for Clinicians

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