



COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

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The Columbia County Health Department (CCDOH) continues to provide COVID vaccine to those NYS Vaccine Phased Distribution Categories as directed by NYS.

CCDOH Website:

- Under normal circumstances when vaccine supply is received as expected, new POD appointment registration links will be posted each week on **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings between 5pm-6pm.**
- **PLEASE** understand that on rare occasions due to weather conditions, vaccine supply delay's, time restraints or other circumstances beyond our control, a link may be posted on a different day or time.
- If you do not have internet access and no one who can help you access the internet to register for a POD, you can call the Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Information Call Center **518-697-5560, Monday – Friday 9am-4pm.**

Number of Vaccinations Given by CCDOH:

- 1st Shot: As of April 12th, 2021 – 7,931
- 2nd Shot: As of April 12nd, 2021 – 4,706

Vaccine: Moderna/Pfizer/J&J

AFTER RECEIVING BOTH VACCINE SHOTS:

- As announced on February 11, 2021, the CDC and NYS report that asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals', meaning those who have received both shots and at least two weeks have passed since the second shot, are no longer required to quarantine if exposed within 90 days after the second shot.
- **IMPORTANT:** People are reminded, even after receiving both shots of the vaccine, it is important to continue with coronavirus safety measures – wearing a face mask, frequent hand washing, and physical distancing – to stop the spread of COVID-19.

VACCINE INFORMATION, APPOINTMENTS & PODS:

- CCDOH is able and ready to give the vaccine to a large number of people when it's provided by the Federal Government/NYS.
- So far, an adequate number of 2nd shot vaccine doses have been provided and this effort is going well.
- As the supply of vaccine is provided by the Federal Government/NYS, CCDOH will use both website appointment registration links and Focused PODs when needed. Both the website registration and Focused PODs are conducted as designated by NYS within the Vaccine Phases Distribution Categories. **ONLY** those people eligible for the specific vaccine POD may register for a vaccine appointment.
- Under normal circumstances when vaccine supply is received from NYS as expected for category eligible people, new website POD appointment registration links will be posted each week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 5pm-6pm. **PLEASE** understand that on rare occasions due to weather conditions, vaccine supply delays, time restraints or other circumstances, there may be times that require a link be posted on a different day or time.
- 1A category health care and group home workers should contact their employer to arrange to receive the vaccine from a health care provider.

- For local COVID-19 information translated in various languages visit the Columbia County Board of Supervisors home page: <https://www.columbiacountyny.com> “Translate Website” upper right corner.

PEOPLE 16+ (Pfizer Vaccine):

- As of April 6th, 2021, NYS is providing vaccine for CCDOH PODs for anyone 16+ years old (Pfizer vaccine). Please check the CCDOH website for posted registration links.
- Additionally, the Federal government/NYS have directed that pharmacies provide the vaccine to NYS residents as well.
- Anyone who is 16+ are encouraged to also check with their local pharmacy about appointments for the vaccine. For pharmacies providing the vaccine in the Capital Region area go to: <https://capitalregionalrx.com/vaccination/>. Specific pharmacies will have their own way to register or make an appointment to get the vaccine. This is not done through CCDOH.
- 16+ people (or **ANY** eligible county resident who is home-bound) who can not travel to a pharmacy or POD, or has no access or someone who can assist them with accessing the internet, may call the **Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line: 518-697-5560, Monday – Friday 9am-4pm**. Your information will be taken for possible future mobile POD operations. If you are contacted by a pharmacy or can otherwise obtain the vaccine, you should DO IT. Please don't feel you have to wait to be contacted by Columbia County, since this may not happen if pharmacies are required to have a plan for visiting homes.

VETERANS:

If you are a veteran and are (or even if not) a member of Hudson Valley or Albany VA health system, you can obtain information about getting the vaccine from your VA health care provider or from the VA COVID-19 Vaccine Information page: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>. The Hudson Valley VA has set up a COVID-19 Vaccine Line 1-845-838-7668.

NY ALERT COVID-19 Vaccine Information Email:

Columbia County has expanded the use of the NY ALERT mass notification system to include a public information category. This addition will allow people to receive general COVID-19 Vaccine Information. The information provided is non-emergency general information which will be sent via email to those who subscribe to NY ALERT and request COVID-19 Vaccine Information. For details on how to subscribe to this FREE service or alter an existing account visit <https://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com/news/ny-alert-covid-19-vaccine-information/>

OTHER VACCINE LOCATIONS IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT AREA: You may also contact the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-697-4829 or <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> to register for the vaccine in the Capital District area. You must understand that by calling the state hotline or registering via the website to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine, you may have to travel somewhere outside of Columbia County to receive it.

COVID-19 VACCINE FRAUD: New Yorkers who suspect fraud in the vaccine distribution process can now call 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) toll-free or email the state Department of Health at STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov.

LOCAL PHARMACY VACCINE APPOINTMENTS: You can also check with local Pharmacies for vaccine appointments! <https://capitalregionalrx.com/covid-vaccine-appointment/> The eligibility for vaccine shots from Pharmacies changes frequently to allow more people to be eligible.

As of 04-06-2021 eligibility for vaccine appointments: Check with your pharmacy about appointments for all Individuals Aged 16+.

To check for pharmacies giving the vaccine in the Capital Region: <https://capitalregionalrx.com/vaccination/>

HELPFUL LINKS:

CVS Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccine Info.: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?icid=coronavirus-lp-vaccine-hero#statetool> or Appointment Hotline 800-746-7287

ShopRite Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccine Info.: <https://www.shoprite.com/pharmacy/>

Walgreens Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccine Info.: <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>

NYS Dashboard: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-tracker>

CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Info.: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Media Releases from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors: <https://www.columbiacountyny.com/>

NY ALERT COVID-19 Vaccine Information: <https://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com/news/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

PDF – COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: <https://www.columbiacountyny.com/emo.html>