

Guide to Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine for Waiver Participants

The state is vaccinating Kentuckians against COVID-19. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine can help you avoid getting COVID-19 or keep you from getting very sick if you do. The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) wants 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) participants, caregivers, and providers to know there are options for where to get vaccinated and support in getting vaccinated.

When can I get vaccinated?



COVID-19 can make some people very sick. To make sure those people receive the vaccine as quickly as possible, the state is trying to vaccinate everyone in the following order:

| 1A | 1B | 1C | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in long term care or assisted living facilities • Health care workers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People age 70 or older • Teachers, school staff, and child care workers • First responders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People age 60 or older • People age 16 or older with high risk conditions • Essential workers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People age 40 or older | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People age 16 or older | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children younger than 16, if the vaccine is approved for use in children |

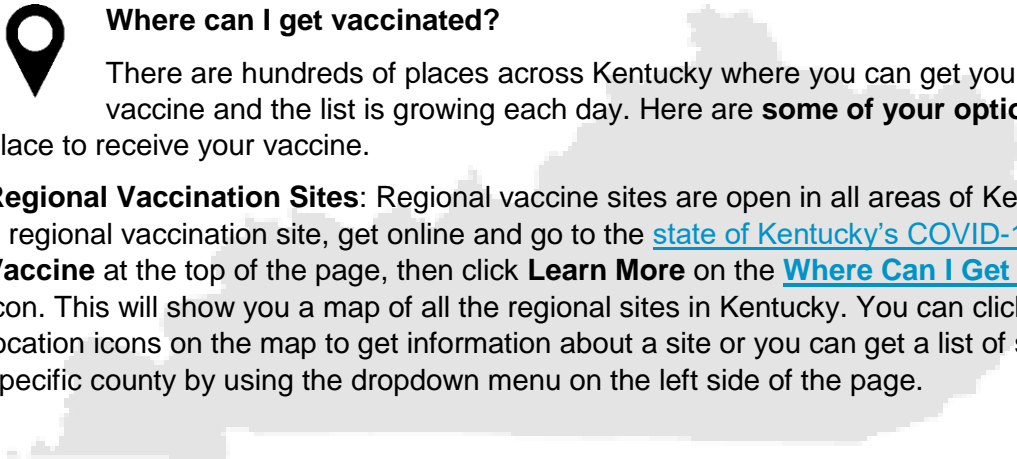
Many participants, caregivers, and providers in 1915(c) HCBS waivers fall into category 1A, 1B, or 1C. If you're not sure what phase you can get your vaccine in, you can use the state's online [COVID-19 Vaccine Survey tool](https://kycovid19.ky.gov) at kycovid19.ky.gov to determine the right phase for you. If you need help with the tool, you can call **(855) 598-2446** or have a family member, caregiver, representative, or case manager/support broker/service advisor help you.



Where can I get vaccinated?

There are hundreds of places across Kentucky where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine and the list is growing each day. Here are **some of your options** for finding a place to receive your vaccine.

Regional Vaccination Sites: Regional vaccine sites are open in all areas of Kentucky. To find a regional vaccination site, get online and go to the [state of Kentucky's COVID-19 website](#), click **Vaccine** at the top of the page, then click **Learn More** on the [Where Can I Get Vaccinated?](#) icon. This will show you a map of all the regional sites in Kentucky. You can click on the blue location icons on the map to get information about a site or you can get a list of sites in a specific county by using the dropdown menu on the left side of the page.



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Statewide Retail Sites: Pharmacies at some Kroger, Walmart, and Walgreens stores across Kentucky are offering COVID-19 vaccinations to those who are eligible. To schedule, visit each store's website below.



[Kroger Scheduling Site](#)
(866) 211-5320



[Walmart Scheduling Site](#)



[Walgreens Scheduling Site](#)

Local Pharmacies: You may also be able to get the vaccine at a local pharmacy in your area. [View the list of local pharmacies](#) offering the COVID-19 vaccine on [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.ky.gov/covid19) to find one in your area.

Keep in mind that **it takes two doses for certain COVID-19 vaccines to start working fully.** This means you may have to go to the clinic or pharmacy you choose two different times to get a shot, depending on the type of COVID-19 vaccine you receive. The clinic or pharmacy should tell you which type of COVID-19 vaccine they are giving you.

What resources are available to help me get vaccinated?

- **Talk to your family, caregivers, case manager/support broker/service advisor, or person-centered planning team** if you have questions on where or how to get vaccinated.
- **The state of Kentucky has a vaccine hotline** if you have questions or need assistance. It is available at **(855) 598-2246** or **TTY (855) 326-4654** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Monday through Friday.
- The federal government requires the vaccine to be offered at **no charge to you**, however, your [insurance may be billed](#) to cover the cost.
- **If you need a ride to a vaccination site**, transportation agencies across the state are offering free rides.
 - View the [list of Kentucky transportation agencies](#) providing free public transport to COVID vaccine sites on [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.ky.gov/covid19) to find one servicing your area.

Where can I learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine?

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has lots of information about the COVID-19 vaccine. DMS has included a few links below you might find helpful.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit for People with Disabilities](#)

[Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Website](#)