

Oregon Health Authority Information on Older Adult COVID-19 Vaccinations

Older adults will have different ways to get vaccine information

Vaccines are scarce. In coming weeks, there will be more seniors who want to get vaccinated than there will be vaccines available to them. While not every older adult will be able to get an appointment as soon as they want one, there are different ways to get linked to vaccine information and events. Here are some of the options that will be available to all seniors on February 8:

- **Getvaccinated.oregon.gov web tool:** This tool will allow people to determine if they are eligible for a vaccine and register to get email alerts or text notifications about vaccine events in their area. The **Get Vaccinated Oregon** tool will be open to all Oregonians and information will be available in 11 languages.
 - **The getvaccinated.oregon.gov URL is not yet live!** We will notify you when the URL goes live in coming days.
- **211:** Older Oregonians can also text ORCOVID to 898211 to get text/SMS updates (English and Spanish only) or email ORCOVID@211info.org. If they can't get their COVID-19 vaccine question answered on the website, by text, or by email, they can call 211 or 1-866-698-6155, which is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including holidays. Please be aware that wait times may be long due to high call volumes. There is an option to get a call back rather than wait on hold (in English and Spanish). Free interpretation is available for all other languages. TTY: Dial 711 or call 1-866-698-6155.
- **[Covid.vaccine.oregon.gov](https://covid.vaccine.oregon.gov):** OHA's vaccination website features facts about COVID-19 vaccines and hosts links to county websites and a statewide calendar of public vaccination clinics.
- **Nursing home, independent living centers and other facilities:** Pharmacy partners are vaccinating residents and staff at senior residences and care facilities. Residents (or family members) can ask their facility operator when their residence is scheduled for a vaccination clinic.

Every senior will be able get a vaccine, but most seniors will not be able to get immunized for many weeks

There are more than 750,000 people aged 65 or older. While Oregon has already vaccinated more than 100,000 people aged 60 and older, state health officials estimate it take until mid-April to vaccinate more than 7 in 10 Oregon seniors.

All seniors will be eligible to get vaccinated by the end of February

Here are dates for when Oregonians age 65 and older can start getting vaccinated:

Who	When	Number of Oregonians	Phase
80 and older	February 8, 2021	~168,000	1B, Group 2
75 and older	February 15, 2021	~134,000	1B, Group 3
70 and older	February 22, 2021	~206,000	1B, Group 4
65 and older	March 1, 2021	~258,000	1B, Group 5

OHA COVID-19 Vaccine website: <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/>

General Questions: COVID19.vaccine@dhsosha.state.or.us