

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs

For Physicians

Where can I and my staff get the vaccine?

Currently there are several options open for physicians and their staff to get the vaccine. Physicians can reach out to their local HEB, Randall's, Next Level Urgent Care, Harris County Public Health and Houston Health Department to register to get the vaccine.

We continue to work with city and county health departments on locations where physicians and their staffs can get vaccinated. However, the supply of vaccines is limited, and many locations are running out. We have a list of locations who are offering vaccines and their registration processes on our website at

https://www.hcms.org/tmimis/harris/assets/COMMUNITY_HEALTH/Where_to_get_the_vaccine.pdf.

What if the locations do not have the vaccine?

The supply of vaccines is limited, so if one option does not work then we recommend you try another location or venue to get the vaccine.

Is the city or the County vaccinating healthcare workers?

The city and Harris County Public Health are receiving more doses of the vaccine this week. Go to <https://www.hcms.org/tmimis/HARRIS/Community%20Health/COVID-19.aspx#COVID-19%20Vaccine> for updates on their registration processes and vaccine clinic locations.

Can hospitals vaccinate those 65 and older or with chronic diseases?

Physicians and health care professionals are [first priority](#) for COVID-19 vaccines and should be vaccinated before the [second priority group](#). The State Department of Health told providers that they could move on the vulnerable patients, Tier 1B, if they have immunized all their health care workers. This is to prevent vaccine waste.

Houston Methodist and Memorial Hermann have agreed to immunize all medical staff and the office personnel of the medical staff. Contact them to schedule if you are on medical staff and have not been offered immunizations.

What do I need to know to administer the vaccine?

The Texas Medical Association has put together 10 things you need to know to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine. The document includes information such as how to register with ImmTrac2; how to order and report your inventory; and what fees can be charged. Go to <https://www.texmed.org/TexasMedicineDetail.aspx?id=55450> for more information.

Additionally, each vaccine has specific storage and administration requirements of which you must be aware. Go to <https://www.hcms.org/tmimis/covid-19#covid-19%20vaccine>.

How do I sign up to administer the vaccine?

To enroll, physicians can go to [EnrollTexas@dshs.texas.gov](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/enroll-texas). Information physicians provide may also be used to prioritize when and how much of the vaccine they receive. Medical facilities must provide a list of providers who will be responsible for vaccinations. If you have issues, TMA has created a checklist to assist you in getting registered. Go to

https://www.texmed.org/uploadedFiles/Current/2016_Public_Health/Infectious_Diseases/309744_COVID_Vax_Checklist.pdf.

What are the reporting requirements for the vaccines administered?

Because of data submission issues with [ImmTrac2](#), health care facilities will be required temporarily to report all COVID-19 vaccine dosage information to the [Texas Department of Emergency Management](#) (TDEM) by 8 am (CT) daily. Facilities also still will be required to report to ImmTrac2. The TDEM reporting requirement will be in effect until all data is flowing consistently in ImmTrac2, state health officials said. Go to

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/TXHHSC/2020/12/31/file_attachments/1637227/Reporting%20COVID-19%20Vaccines%20and%20Therapeutics.pdf for more information.

TMA is holding two webinars on ImmTrac2 designed to help address common errors and data quality issues when reporting COVID-19 vaccine information to ImmTrac2, the state's vaccine registry. Go to <https://www.texmed.org/Template.aspx?id=55457> for dates and registration information.