



Keep Hartford Great: Vaccinate!

VERMONT COVID-19 UPDATES FOR HARTFORD

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COVID-19 VACCINE

1. CURRENT ELIGIBILITY

- All Vermonters, part-time residents, and out-of-state students **age 12+**
- **NOTE:** Parents/guardians must give permission for children age 12-17 to receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- **Questions about the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Your Children?** This week there are special Zoom [forums with VT pediatricians](#) to answer your questions.

2. UPCOMING VACCINE ELIBILITY

- **Children under 12:** vaccines are not expected to be approved for children under 12 until September.

3. MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

- **ONLINE:** Go to healthvermont.gov/myvaccine to create an account and schedule an appointment at a VT Dept of Health clinic or for links to participating pharmacies.
- **BY PHONE:** To schedule by phone or for translation services, call 855-722-7878.
- **HOMEBOUND Vermonters** may call 833-722-0860 to arrange for in-home vaccination.
- **BIPOC, English language learner, and immigrant/refugee Vermonters** [community-specific clinics](#)
- **Restaurant, hospitality and tourism workers:** [special walk-in clinics](#) with J&J vaccine are available.
- **Youth age 12-15:** a list of [community and school-based clinics](#) open to 12-15-year-olds, including 3 clinics in Hartford!

4. WALK-IN VACCINE OPPORTUNITIES – NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

- Go to healthvermont.gov/myvaccine for a list of walk-in vaccine clinics.
- Follow [@healthvermont social media feeds](#) for real-time announcements of walk-in vaccine opportunities around the state.
- Don't forget to cancel your existing vaccine appointment if you get your shot early!

5. FULLY-VACCINATED: You are considered fully-vaccinated 14 days after your final COVID-19 shot!

COVID-19 PREVENTION

We're not out of the woods yet! Please continue following these best practices:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** when you are eligible
- ✓ **Stay home** when sick and **get tested**
- ✓ **Wash hands** frequently and **avoid touching your face**
- ✓ **Wear masks** outside in crowds and in all indoor public spaces
- ✓ Maintain **6-foot spaces** with people outside your household
- ✓ Keep your **social circle small**
- ✓ **Avoid crowded** or **poorly-ventilated places**
- ✓ **Avoid unnecessary travel**

MASKS protect you and the people around you from getting or spreading COVID-19.

- **FULLY VACCINATED:** Masking and physical distancing are no longer required for fully vaccinated Vermonters – except in businesses that require masks and in special settings like schools, public transportation, homeless shelters, healthcare settings, long term care facilities, and prisons.
 - Fully vaccinated people who are at high risk of serious COVID-19 illness, live with individuals who are at high risk, or live with unvaccinated individuals, such as children, may choose to continue wearing masks in public to protect their loved ones.
- **UNVACCINATED and PARTIALLY VACCINATED:** masking and physical distancing is still required when around others outside your household for all people who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, including children who are not yet eligible for a vaccine.
 - Masks are required in indoor public spaces, such as businesses, public buildings, and schools. They are strongly recommended in indoor private spaces when gathering with other unvaccinated people.
 - Masks are required outdoors when you are in a crowd or with other households where you can't maintain a 6-foot distance.
- **Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face and covers your nose, mouth, and chin.**
- **Wear multiple layers** such as a cloth mask with 2+ layers of fabric or a multi-layered disposable mask.
- Do **not** use masks with valves or vents, bandanas, gaiters, or single-layer masks; they're less effective.

RESTRICTIONS ON SOCIAL GATHERINGS

1. For indoor gatherings

There can be one unvaccinated person per 50 square feet up to 300 unvaccinated people (whichever is less), plus any number of fully vaccinated people.

- All **unvaccinated** people are required to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.

2. For outdoor gatherings

There can be 900 unvaccinated people, plus any number of fully vaccinated people.

- Masks are required for **unvaccinated** people when 6-foot distancing can't be maintained between households.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

1. **COVID-19 testing and quarantine are no longer required after travel within the United States.**
 - If you develop **any symptom** of COVID-19, **stay home** and away from other people and contact your health care provider to arrange for **COVID-19 testing**.
2. **International travel** has different requirements. Please check before traveling.

COVID-19 TESTING

- **SYMPTOMATIC:** If you develop **any symptom** of COVID-19 illness, no matter how mild (fatigue, headache, sniffles), please contact your health care provider or call 211 to get a referral for testing. Stay home until you receive a negative test result. It's easy to mistake mild COVID-19 for allergies or a cold.
- **NO SYMPTOMS:** If you are concerned you may have been exposed or want a test before travel, after travel, or for any other reason, you may get a **FREE VT Department of Health test by registering online**. Your health care provider and some pharmacies may also offer testing for asymptomatic people.