

NEWS

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Anyone 45 years and older and those 16 and older living in congregate settings now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties

CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH — Effective immediately, any residents who are 45-years and older, and anyone who is 16-years and older and lives in a congregate setting are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the four counties served by Central District Health, which include Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley.

The move to further open vaccine eligibility comes after today's statewide announcement by Governor Brad Little to make the vaccine available to more Idahoans, sooner, and just two days after those 55-years and older became eligible to receive the vaccine in CDH's jurisdiction.

CDH's ongoing collaboration with enrolled vaccine providers has indicated recent widespread vaccine appointment availability – often, providers have same-day appointments available. CDH wants individuals who are interested in receiving protection from COVID-19 through the vaccine, to have access, as quickly as possible. Anyone who has been eligible as part of any earlier Group or Subgroup is encouraged to make an appointment to receive their vaccine.

Those who are 16-years and older who live in a congregate living setting, as recommended by the Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee and approved by Governor Little include:

- Emergency shelters and transitional housing (if not already included)
- Dormitory housing for workers
- Correctional and detention facilities (adult)
- Group housing for persons in substance misuse treatment or recovery or with mental illness who do not require hospitalization
- Residential treatment or recovery facility
- Dormitory housing for students

Of note, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for those ages 16 and 17; the Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines are [authorized for use](#) in those 18-years and older.

Who's eligible next?

Based on Governor Little's announcement today, anyone ages 16 to 44 years old with at least one medical condition become eligible for COVID-19 vaccine by Monday, March 29, and any Idahoan 16-years and older, regardless of medical conditions, will be eligible for vaccine by April 5. CDH will continue to monitor vaccine supply and appointment availability among the counties it serves and will assess whether to accelerate vaccine eligibility for these groups prior to the target dates set.

To view Idaho's updated vaccine timeline, visit https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CURRENT-COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Committee-CVAC-Vaccine-Prioritization_3.24.21.pdf

Making a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

An updated list of enrolled vaccine providers can be found on the CDH website at <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine.php>. The list is updated regularly as additional providers begin receiving vaccine allocations or other changes occur.

Residents can also use the state's [pre-registry vaccine tool](#) to be added to a list that enrolled vaccine providers use to directly connect with those eligible to receive vaccine.

If you need help by phone with navigating the vaccine provider list or do not have internet access, CDH's Call Center can share information on providers who offer a phone scheduling option. Call 208-321-2222 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Information Resources

- Call Center: 208-321-2222 – Open M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Vaccine webpage: [cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine](https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine)
- Sign up for vaccine information updates: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8DO2cZ9/vaccine>
- Enrolled vaccine provider list:
<https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/enrolled-COVID19-vaccine-providers.pdf>
- Information for Businesses Vaccine webpage: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine-businesses.php>
 - Mobile vaccine provider list (for businesses/industries):
<https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/Mobile-Provider-List.pdf>

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Reminder: Upcoming vaccine information session on April 1 from 12:15 pm to 1 pm

On Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 12:15 pm to 1 pm, CDH will offer a free, virtual vaccine information session to the public. The session will include the latest information on the three COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for use and will address vaccine-related questions from the public. Session panelists will include CDH Medical Director, Dr. Sandy Mudge, and CDH Clinician, Ryan Atwood. The session will be streamed live on [CDH's YouTube page](#) and will be posted once it has ended. American Sign Language (ASL) services will be available for this session.