

# NEWS

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## **Anyone 16 and older with at least one medical condition eligible for COVID-19 vaccine on Monday, March 29**

*Vaccine allocations see a 29 percent increase this week over last in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties*

**CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH** — Central District Health (CDH) wants to remind residents who are 16-years and older who have at least one qualifying medical condition, that they are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine starting Monday, March 29, 2021. [Qualifying medical conditions](#) include those defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Disabilities are also included as a medical condition.

The move aligns with the timeline announced by Governor Brad Little earlier this week to make the vaccine available to more Idahoans, sooner. Governor Little also announced that the vaccine will be available to all Idahoans 16-years and older by Monday, April 5. CDH will be in close contact in the coming days with vaccine providers to assess appointment demand among those currently eligible, and determine if CDH's jurisdiction of Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties should open vaccine to all residents who are 16-years and older before April 5.

Anyone eligible as part of an earlier Group or Subgroup is encouraged to make an appointment to receive their vaccine.

### **Pfizer is the only vaccine currently authorized for 16 and 17-year olds**

Those who are 16 and 17 years old and wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccine may only receive the Pfizer vaccine because it is the only one currently authorized for those ages 16 and 17. The Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines are [authorized for use](#) in those 18-years and older.

Those looking specifically for the Pfizer vaccine are encouraged to call or visit providers' websites to check for the availability of the specific vaccine before scheduling an appointment. Pfizer doses are currently coming to our communities from four sources - state vaccine allocations, the Federal Retail program, to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and through the Department of Defense (DOD) program.

**Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is being allocated to the following providers in CDH's jurisdiction:**

- Albertsons/Sav-On | Meridian, Eagle & Boise locations
- MediCap Pharmacy | Meridian location
- St. Luke's Health System | Boise locations
- Saint Alphonsus Health System | Boise locations
- Primary Health Medical Group | Boise locations
- Walgreen's | Meridian & Boise locations
- Walmart | Mountain Home & Boise locations

*Please note that some providers with multiple locations have designated sites where they offer specific types of COVID-19 vaccine. Information listed includes what is known at the time of this release and is subject to change.*

**Vaccine allocation update**

This week concludes the fifteenth week of vaccines being allocated and distributed in Idaho. Within CDH's jurisdiction, 11,820 total vaccine doses were received by vaccine providers in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties. Next week, vaccine providers in CDH's jurisdiction will receive 15,290 total doses among the three authorized vaccines – an increase of 29 percent over last week.

**Making a COVID-19 vaccine appointment**

The latest vaccine provider list 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 Thursday, 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.