

COVID-19 Vaccine Questions and Answers



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How do I know when its my turn for the vaccine?

We are following state and federal guidance, and are focused on vaccinating the most critical populations first to reduce illness and death from COVID-19.

When we reach the appropriate phase, we will announce it on our webpage and you may be notified by your primary care physician.

For more information, visit
www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine



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What if I don't have a primary care physician?

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If you don't have a primary care physician, you will receive the vaccine through the local health department or our local health partners.

What if I don't have insurance?

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You do not need insurance to be vaccinated.

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How do I sign up for a vaccine?

While we are scaling up our vaccination efforts, we do not have a sign up list.

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Why hasn't my relative at a local nursing home been vaccinated yet?

The CDC has partnered with CVS and Walgreens to vaccinate residents and staff at skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. This process has started and it will take time to vaccinate everyone.

We know you are concerned about your loved ones. Please be patient as vaccines continue to be distributed.

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Why is it taking so long?

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We recognize that many people are anxious to be vaccinated.

As more vaccines, related supplies, and staff become available, the pace of vaccination will increase.

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When can the general public expect to be vaccinated?

It is expected that the vaccine will be available for the general public (those under 65 with no health conditions and not working in a priority sector) in the summer of 2021.

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Can my employer make me get the vaccine?

There is no mandatory vaccination requirement from either the state or federal government.

We hope that that by educating about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines, residents will voluntarily opt to receive them.

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Will I still have to wear a mask?

Yes. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic, like wearing masks, washing hands and physical distancing.

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Is the County planning to hold mass vaccination clinics?

Yes. Although we are still in the planning phase, County Public Health is working to schedule mass vaccination clinics in collaboration with our healthcare partners. More information will be coming soon.

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