Press Release



Hamilton County Health Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 19, 2021

Health Department Announces Additional First and Second Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments; For Phases 1a1, 1a2, 1b, 1c & Adults 55+

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department has added a total of 3,600 new first dose and 3,165 new second dose Pfizer appointments to the schedule.

New First Dose Appointments:

March 21 and 23-25 at Tennessee Riverpark

New Second Dose Appointments:

- March 26 at Enterprise South Nature Park
- March 27 and 28 at Tennessee Riverpark

People in the eligible phases are encouraged to visit <u>vaccine.hamiltontn.gov</u> and make their appointment online. Those who do not have access to the internet can call the appointment call center to make an appointment over the phone:

First dose appointments: 423-209-5398
Second dose appointments: 423-209-5399
Spanish appointment line: 423-209-5384

All three call center lines are open Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM. Due to high call volume, callers may experience a busy signal and need to hang up and call back.

The Health Department's general COVID-19 hotline 423-209-8383 is available to connect people to vaccine and testing resources. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM and Saturday 10AM-3PM. Bilingual representatives are available.

Current Phases/Eligibility

COVID-19 vaccine appointments are for people who live or work in Hamilton County and meet current eligibility. For a full list of eligible phases, visit <u>vaccine.hamiltontn.gov</u> and click on the "Current Phases/Eligibility" tab. To see the list in Spanish, visit the Spanish <u>website</u> and scroll to the bottom.

Important Information to Know Prior to Appointment

- Do not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.
- Wear appropriate clothing to get a shot in upper arm
- Bring proof of Hamilton County residency (if applicable)
- Bring proof of Hamilton County employment (if applicable)
- Bring proof of age (if applicable)
- Print and complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Encounter form for both 1st and 2nd dose appointments.
 Click here to download the form: https://bit.ly/3caxvL3. Forms are available on-site, but bringing a completed form to the vaccination site will accelerate the process.
- Be prepared to wait 20 minutes after shot
- Be prepared for the entire process to take an hour or more

Vaccination Record Card

When patients receive their first dose with the Health Department, they will receive a Vaccination Record Card with the following important information.

- The vaccine manufacturer (either Moderna or Pfizer)
- The date the first dose of vaccine was given
- The date the second vaccine dose is due. This date is not an appointment. Patient must schedule a second dose appointment.

Additional Resources

- Stay up-to-date on new vaccine appointment information. Follow the health department via their email newsletter and social media accounts, available at this link: health.hamiltontn.org/AllServices/Coronavirus(COVID-19)/ConnectWithUs.aspx.
- Transportation is available to the vaccination site. Call 423-209-8383 to schedule a ride.
- Visit the Health Department's new vaccine FAQ page, updated regularly: https://example.com/health.hamiltontn.org/en-us/allservices/coronavirus(covid-19)/frequentlyaskedquestions(faq).aspx

###