Press Release



Hamilton County Health Department

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Health Department Announces Additional First and Second Dose COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments; For Phases 1a1, 1a2, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b & Adults 55+

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department has added first dose and second dose Pfizer appointments to the schedule.

First Dose Appointments:

- March 29 and 30 at CARTA Bus Barn
- March 29 at Tennessee Riverpark

Second Dose Appointments:

- March 29 and 30 at Enterprise South Nature Park
- March 30 at Tennessee Riverpark

People in the eligible phases (1a1, 1a2, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b & Adults 55+) are encouraged to visit vaccine.hamiltontn.gov to make an 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.

Visit https://vaccinefinder.org/search/ and enter your zip code for a full list of providers and pharmacies offering the COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

• The Health Department will ask for documentation to show that patients live or work in Hamilton County. The Department will not ask for proof of Phase 1C or work category status. A list of documents accepted is available on the Health Department's website.

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 first and second dose appointments. Click here to download the form: https://bit.ly/3cqp6op. 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
- The date the first dose of vaccine was given
- The date the second vaccine dose is due (if Pfizer or Moderna). 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.
- Read the press releases in Spanish, visit: https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN/

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