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Hamilton County Health Department



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50% of Hamilton County Residents Now Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department announces that [50% of Hamilton County residents](#) are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

“We are very encouraged by this milestone,” says Hamilton County Health Department Interim Health Officer Dr. Fernando Urrego. “I am so proud of our community for joining together to get vaccinated to protect one another. To continue this good news, we still need many more people to get vaccinated to stop transmission and protect all of our residents. We recommend that all who are eligible get vaccinated.”

“This is a great start in our ongoing battle with the pandemic,” said Mayor Jim Coppinger. “But we are only half way to our goal of vaccinating everyone who wants to get a vaccine. I encourage everyone who has not yet been vaccinated to do so. With the winter season approaching the time to act is now to protect not only yourself, but your loved ones, friends and co-workers from the coronavirus.”

Visit vaccine.hamiltontn.gov to see the Health Department’s most up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination calendar. Free transportation to the Tennessee Riverpark vaccination site is available Monday-Friday. Call 423-209-8383 in advance to schedule a ride.

“I want to applaud the hard work our award-winning Health Department has done to reach this milestone,” said Mayor Jim Coppinger. “Our health workers have put in long hours, battled the elements and sacrificed family time in the interest of public health. Due to their outstanding efforts vaccinating Hamilton County residents at the Tennessee Riverpark, Enterprise South Nature Park, the CARTA Bus Barn, and health centers and pop-up clinics, we have reached our halfway goal. Now we need everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated in the interest of public health.”

To slow the transmission of COVID-19, vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals should continue mitigation efforts such as wearing masks, social distancing, and regular handwashing at this time.

Additional Resources

- The COVID-19 vaccine is available at multiple locations throughout Hamilton County. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a location near you.
- Test kits are currently available for ages 2+ at the Health Department Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., while supplies last. For more information, visit testing.hamiltontn.gov.
- Call the Health Department’s COVID-19 hotline at 423-209-8383 if you have questions about vaccines, locating testing, or if you seek isolation or quarantine guidance.
- For information in Spanish, visit the Health Department’s Spanish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN>.

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