

Hoosiers age 70 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

You have been selected to be among the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine because you are at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The vaccine provides another level of protection to keep you and your loved ones safe. Visit **ourshot.in.gov** to find a vaccination site near you. Please sign up!

Here are some facts you should know:

- The vaccine has received Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA after completing three phases of testing involving 43,000 participants
- The Centers for Disease and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has reviewed the vaccine and recommends its use
- The Indiana Department of Health's external advisory committee of experts has reviewed the clinical trial data and also approves its administration
- The vaccine is available at **no cost**
- It is a two-part vaccine, so you must get a second dose after the first dose after 21 days or 28 days, depending on the manufacturer

 Please continue to wear a mask, stay physically distant and wash your hands even after being fully vaccinated

Based on clinical trials on thousands of people:

- The vaccine is at least 94% effective at preventing COVID-19 for all adults (including 65 and older), genders, and race and ethnicity demographics
- Few side effects were reported, but included headache (2%) and fatigue (4%)
- Study participants reached full effectiveness seven days after the second dose







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