

## **COVID – 19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions**

### **I was unable to get through to make an appointment. Does this mean I will not receive a vaccine?**

Just not for the initial allotment of vaccines. Vaccine supply is EXTREMELY limited and it takes very little time for appointments to fill up. It will take some time for enough vaccines to make their way to Levy County.

### **How do I know if I will receive a vaccine appointment?**

If you call, or receive a call from the Department of Health in Levy County, a representative with the Florida Department of Health will give you a specific date and time for you to get your vaccine.

### **How do I know when there will be available COVID-19 vaccine appointments?**

The vaccine registration opening will be posted on our website at [www.LevyDisaster.com](http://www.LevyDisaster.com), on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lcdem](http://www.facebook.com/lcdem), all local news outlets, and you can also text LEVYVACCINE to 888777 to get regular updates on scheduling.

### **How do I make an appointment when they become available?**

As soon as appointments open up, you can call 352-486-5300 to make an appointment. Lines will be busy, and you will likely have to try calling several times. There are thousands of people not only in Levy County, but surrounding counties trying to get vaccinated. You must be patient. Vaccine supply is very limited and Levy County has NO CONTROL on the amount of vaccines that we receive from the State.

### **Who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine?**

Per the Governor's executive order only frontline healthcare workers, residents of Assisted Living Facilities or Nursing Homes, and those over the age of 65, regardless of medical conditions or exact age, are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are distributed on a first come first serve basis. As we move into subsequent phases of distribution this list will expand.

### **I am under the age of 65 when can I expect to receive my vaccine?**

Due to the widespread demand for the COVID-19 vaccine there is very limited supply and no estimate for when this current phase of vaccine distribution will end, and the next phases will begin.

### **When will I schedule my additional dose?**

Information on your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be provided the day you receive your first shot.

### **Can I choose the manufacturer of the COVID-19 vaccine I receive?**

No, you are unable to choose the manufacturer for the vaccine you receive. Currently, the Moderna vaccine is the brand that is being sent to counties. Your second dose will be the same manufacturer as your first.

### **Do I need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?**

No, you do not need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine if I recently got a flu or other vaccine?**

You may not receive a COVID-19 vaccine if you received any vaccine, to include flu, within the last 14 days. After that 14-day window you will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

### **I was COVID-19 Positive, am I eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?**

You may receive a COVID-19 vaccine 14 days after you have recovered from COVID-19.

### **If I am allergic to any other vaccines can I get COVID-19 vaccine?**

It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

### **If I am pregnant or breastfeeding can I get COVID-19 vaccine?**

Neither of these demographics had any contraindications during vaccine trials. We recommend you discuss your condition(s) with your healthcare provider prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Why are non-Levy county residents getting vaccines?**

The COVID-19 vaccine is a federal resource which **does not** allow us to use non-medical factors to limit who can receive the vaccine in Levy County.

### **Why is there not a running waitlist for a COVID-19 vaccine?**

A running waitlist is not an efficient way to manage vaccine distribution. Factors such as: Uncertainty in our next shipment of the vaccine, the limited amount of staff, the labor intensive and time consuming nature of calling hundreds of people back to create an appointment, and the potential for many on that waitlist to have already received a vaccine, outside of Levy County, all create a situation for even more frustration and confusion. The planned appointment process, one that is tied to vaccine availability, will allow you to know that you have a dose assigned to you at a date and time that works best for you.

### **How does Levy County receive COVID-19 vaccine allotment?**

Levy County does not order or have input in the number of vaccines it receives. The State Emergency Operations Center determines the number of vaccines and shipment schedule every Florida county will receive. That is not a set number and changes based on nationwide vaccine availability.

### **Is there a cost associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?**

No, there is no cost for a COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Am I completely safe after getting a COVID-19 vaccine?**

Once you receive the vaccine, you are not totally immune to COVID-19 after the first vaccination. Additionally, vaccines take several days to begin working within your body. You should still use mitigation measures including social distancing, masking, and handwashing.