

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## Latest Updates & Resources



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### Full Approval for Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine

On Aug. 23, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [gave approval](#) to the first COVID-19 vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech. The vaccine was named Comirnaty and is approved for anyone age 16 and older. (Pfizer use for individuals 12 – 15 is still under [Emergency Use Authorization](#).) Moderna and Johnson & Johnson continue to operate under EUA for their approved age groups. **There's never been a better time to get vaccinated.**



### .416% is a Powerful Number

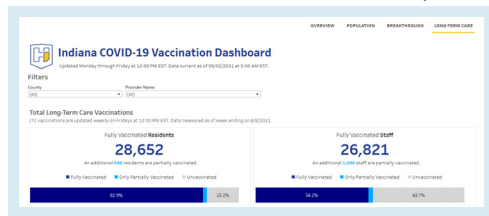


Less than one half a percent of fully vaccinated people have tested positive for COVID-19. The vaccines work. **The current surge in Indiana is being driven by people who are unvaccinated.** Consider getting vaccinated today. Talk to your doctor, family member or other trusted individual if you have any

questions. We have lots of information on our [FAQs](#) as well.

### LONG-TERM CARE DATA

IDOH recently updated its [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#) to include information on the state's long-term care facilities. Information includes vaccination numbers for long-term care staff and residents, with details for individual counties and providers/facilities. (Be sure



to select "long-term care" in the upper right corner of the dashboard.)



To date, **3,113,100** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

### Booster vs. Third Dose

What's the difference?

#### • Third Dose:

Sometimes people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised do not build enough (or any) protection when they first get a vaccination. When this happens, getting another dose of the vaccine can sometimes help them build more protection against the disease, including COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends moderately to severely immunocompromised people [consider receiving a third dose](#) of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least 28 days after the second dose. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not included in the recommendation at this time.

#### Booster:

- In contrast, a booster dose refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to someone who built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time and needs a boost.

### SHOULD I GET A BOOSTER SHOT?



Booster doses are not yet available. Scientists say all of the COVID-19 vaccines provide good protection against the circulating variants, including Delta. Plans are in the works to offer booster doses later this fall to individuals who have had their last dose 6-8 months ago, pending approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Read details on booster guidance, data on immune responses and more on the [CDC website](#).

### FIND TESTING & VACCINE SITES

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), local health departments, providers and pharmacies statewide are expanding testing and vaccination capabilities. IDOH updates the [OurShot](#) (vaccine) and [testing](#) map daily. Mobile sites are popping up across the state, so check back often to find a location near you.

### Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can make an appointment.
- Proof of vaccination is available at [Access Indiana](#). Scroll down to the "Indiana Vaccination Portal" tile, create an account, and download a vaccination certificate.
- Register for a vaccination appointment at [OurShot.IN.gov](#) (Chrome or Firefox). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online. ALL vaccine clinics take walk-ins.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
- [Learn about V-Safe](#), the after-vaccination health checker, and the new [V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry](#).
- V-safe is also available now in [multiple languages](#).
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the [Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

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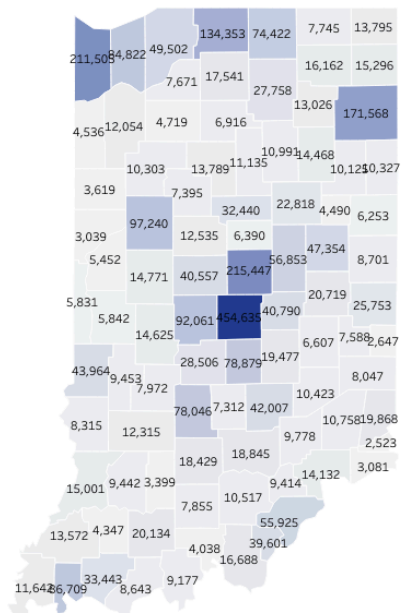
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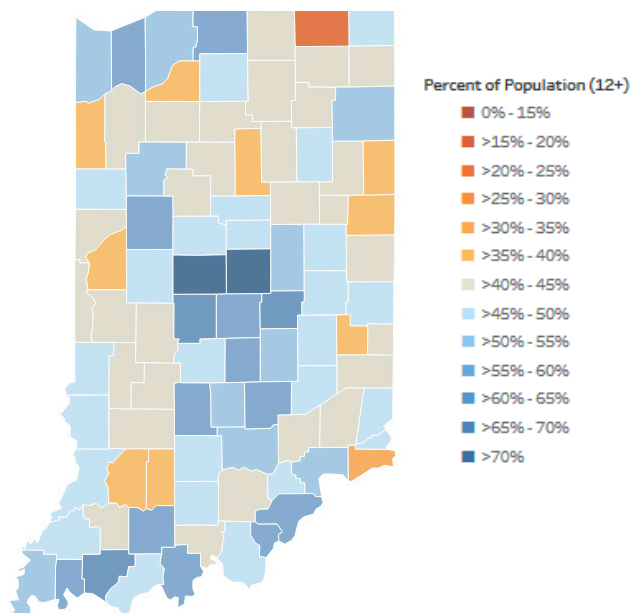
### Total Individuals Fully Vaccinated\*

Over  
**3 MILLION**  
FULLY  
VACCINATED  
Hoosiers!

# 3,113,100



### Fully Vaccinated as a Percentage of County Population 12+



\*Individuals are fully vaccinated after their 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, OR after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Here are the latest percentages of people who are fully vaccinated by age group. These percentages include residents and staff in long-term care facilities.

<b>75.6% of 80+</b>	<b>70.3% of 60-64</b>	<b>50.4% of 40-44</b>	<b>38.0% of 20-24</b>
<b>79.6% of 75-79</b>	<b>60.5% of 55-59</b>	<b>44.5% of 35-39</b>	<b>38.3% of 16-19</b>
<b>83.4% of 70-74</b>	<b>57.7% of 50-54</b>	<b>41.4% of 30-34</b>	<b>28.1% of 12-15</b>
<b>78.0% of 65-69</b>	<b>50.4% of 45-49</b>	<b>34.9% of 25-29</b>	

## Remember routine vaccinations

Childhood immunizations have fallen significantly in Indiana during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some things you can do for your children or the children in your life:

- 1.) Ask your child's pediatrician if there have been any vaccines missed during the past year. Review the CDC's [catch-up schedule](#) (for any child more than one month behind).
- 2.) If your family cannot afford vaccinations, no-cost vaccines are available through the [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#) program. Call your local health department, ask your child's school nurse, or visit the [VFC provider map](#) to find a provider in your county.
- 3.) If your child is age 12-15, and they not yet vaccinated against COVID-19, inquire about that vaccination too, or find a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for them at [OurShot.IN.gov](#). (Look for clinics offering the Pfizer vaccine, the only one with Emergency Use Authorization for children 12 – 15.)



Measles, mumps and whooping cough are just a few of the diseases that can be prevented with vaccination. **Don't delay!**

Flu season is just around the corner, and may be given at the same time as a COVID-19 shot. There's never been a better time to get vaccinated.