

FHCGA's COVID-19 FREE Vaccine Administration Fact Sheet



Who is eligible for receiving the vaccination?

Phase 1A+: Healthcare workers in clinical settings* (e.g., nurses, physicians, EMS, laboratory technicians, environmental services), staff* and residents in long-term care facilities, all law enforcement and fire personnel* (including volunteer departments*); adults aged 65 and older (and their care givers as applicable); Educators & staff* (e.g. Pre-K, K-12, DECAL licensed or exempt childcare programs), adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers**; parents of children with complex medical conditions

***Employee I.D. is required. **Caregivers must be accompanying patient receiving vaccine.**

FHCGA will extend vaccinations to others as the CDC updates eligibility criteria.

Do I need an appointment?

Yes. Call **1-800-935-6721** or visit covid.fhcga.org to request an appointment. **You must receive a confirmed appointment date/time from an authorized FHCGA staff member.**

How long is the appointment?

Allow a minimum of 45 to 60 minutes for your appointment; this includes a mandatory 15 - 30 minute clinical observation period.

What vaccine does FHCGA administer?

We currently administer the [Pfizer](#) & [Moderna](#) vaccinations.

Do all the vaccine options require two injections? If so, how far apart do they have to be spaced?

Both Pfizer and Moderna require two injections. The Pfizer vaccine doses should be given 21 days apart and the Moderna doses should be given 28 days apart. **DO NOT MIX VACCINES!**

What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Thus far there have not been serious safety concerns. Side effects have typically been mild to moderate, and include fevers, headaches, fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and pain at the injection site shortly after receiving the vaccine. About 10% (1 out of 10) had significant symptoms after receiving the vaccine. These symptoms were all short term, usually less than 48 hours, and did not require medical attention.

Will the vaccine trigger a positive COVID-19 test?

The vaccines do not cause the COVID-19 PCR (nasal swab) or rapid antigen tests to become positive; however, the COVID-19 vaccines will cause the COVID-19 antibody test to become positive.

Am I still at risk of getting COVID-19 if I receive the vaccine?

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19; and may keep you from getting seriously ill if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

Continue practicing the **3Ws**: **Wear** a mask, **Wash** your hands and **Watch** your distance, regardless of whether you have had the vaccine.

How long is the vaccine effective? Do I need to get it every year, like the flu shot?

We do not know yet. Researchers will continue to collect data on study participants to determine if immunity decreases over time and if repeat vaccination is necessary.

How much does each COVID-19 vaccine cost? Will I pay twice, once for each dose?

All FHCGA COVID-19 vaccines are **FREE** to participants. FHCGA collects insurance information for COVID-19 vaccines. You are not required to pay a co-pay or meet your deductible. If you do not have health insurance, you can still receive a **FREE** vaccine.