



COVID-19 Updates and Information

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued emergency use authorization for two new vaccines to protect against COVID-19.

At Metro, we look forward to distributing these vaccines and protecting the communities we serve. Here is what you need to know:

Does Metro Have the COVID-19 Vaccine?

The FDA has authorized a vaccine produced by Pfizer/BioNTech and another developed by Moderna.

Metro Community Health Center anticipates receiving our first distribution of the Moderna vaccine on Dec. 22 or 23 and will vaccinate frontline health care workers.

When Will I Be Able to Receive the Vaccine?

- Early vaccine supplies are limited, and distribution is happening in phases. We are now offering the vaccine to our health care workers and first responders — those who have worked tirelessly since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our communities healthy.
- We will provide vaccines to interested staff as vaccines arrive.
- Vaccine access will then expand to essential workers, individuals with health conditions that put them at risk of COVID-19, and then to the general population.
- We are hopeful to have widespread distribution of the vaccine to community members in spring 2021. We are working closely with state and federal government officials during this process.
- Metro cannot provide patients with COVID-19 vaccines at this time.

How Can I Learn More?

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution occurs, we are committed to keeping you updated and informed. We also encourage you to sign up on our patient portal, an online tool where your Provider can communicate with you about vaccination.

The arrival of vaccines is exciting news, but you must **continue practicing COVID-19**



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preventive measures, including wearing facemasks, avoiding large groups, and practicing good hand hygiene. These activities save lives.

COVID-19 Vaccines at Metro: Our Commitment to You

While COVID-19 vaccines are not yet available to the general population, we will continue to provide vaccination updates as they become available.