

COVID-19 Vaccine – Questions and Answers

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Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are a promising development that can help protect us from the virus. By choosing to be vaccinated when it's your turn, you'll be doing your part to help us return to normal.

Who is eligible now to receive the vaccine?

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii is now vaccinating people included in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Phase 1A and Phase 1B vaccine prioritization groups. At this time, we are prioritizing adults age 75+.

For updated information:
Visit kp.org/covidvaccine

To learn more about who in Hawaii is eligible for vaccination:
Visit the Hawaii Department of Health website:
hawaiicovid19.com/vaccine

How do I sign-up to receive the vaccine?

Kaiser Permanente members:

1. To determine eligibility:
Visit kp.org/covidvaccine
2. If you're unable to schedule your appointment online call:
808-432-2000 (TTY 711),
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to limited vaccine availability in the State of Hawaii, a limited number of appointments are available at this time. As additional vaccine becomes available, we will open up more appointment slots. Mahalo for your patience.

Non-Kaiser Permanente members:

Due to overwhelming demand, we are unable to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments for non-members at this time.
For updated information:
Visit kp.org/covidvaccine

Do I have to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine?

No, you can get the vaccine at no additional cost to you. Vaccine doses purchased with taxpayer dollars are required by the federal government to be given at no cost. Members and non-members who receive the vaccine from Kaiser Permanente will not have any out-of-pocket cost.

I've already had COVID-19. Will I still need to get the vaccine?

Yes. The recommendation from the CDC is that people who have previously been infected and recovered should get vaccinated since immunity from vaccines will last longer. However, if you have active COVID-19 symptoms, you should delay getting the vaccine until you've recovered and met criteria for ending isolation.

If I get the vaccine, can I stop wearing a mask?

No. It will be important for everyone to keep using all available methods to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

How can I get the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccine?

If you haven't already done so, register on kp.org to get the latest COVID-19 updates sent to your inbox.

- Call our 24/7 hotline at **1-855-550-0951 (TTY 711)**
- Visit kp.org/covidvaccine