

OAKLAND TOGETHER

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

COVID-19 vaccines are (slowly) arriving in Allegheny County. There are currently not enough vaccines available for all who are eligible, but the situation is changing daily. As of January 26, here's what we know about COVID-19 vaccination in our area.

Who can get a vaccine right now?

Allegheny County's vaccine distribution plan is currently in Phase 1A. Everyone age 65 and over is part of this phase.

Where can I get a vaccine?

Vaccines are in high demand and short supply.

1. If you have a primary care physician, call them first!
2. If you cannot get a vaccine through your primary care physician, there's a regularly updated map of providers at www.bit.ly/pavaccinefinder.
3. The Allegheny County Health Department website (www.bit.ly/ACHDvaccine) has links to online registration at the Monroeville clinic.
4. If you do not have access to a computer, here is a list of places that you can call and inquire into vaccine availability:
 - East Liberty Family Health Care Center: 412-661-1444
 - Hilltop Pharmacy: 412-431-5766
 - North Side Christin Health Center: 412-321-4001 ext 202
 - UPMC South Side: 1-833-299-4358
 - West Penn Hospital: covidvaccine@ahn.org
 - Wilson's Pharmacy: 412-621-6471



How does the vaccine work?

There are currently two different vaccines available: Pfizer and Moderna. Both vaccines are mRNA vaccines, meaning they teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers the creation of antibodies that protect against COVID-19. Neat stuff!

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require **two** doses. The second dose should be administered 21 days (Pfizer) or 28 days (Moderna) after the first dose. The second dose must be from the same manufacturer for you to be fully protected. It takes two weeks after receiving the second dose for immunity to set in.

It is important to **continue wearing masks, washing hands, and socially distancing**, even after receiving both doses.

What if I don't have a way to get to a vaccine distribution site?

ACCESS is a door-to-door transportation service that provides advanced reservation rides throughout Allegheny County. Individuals ages 65 and over receive an 85% discount on fares. You can sign up for ACCESS, and schedule transportation in advance, by calling **412-562-5353**.

Allegheny County's **Medical Assistance Transportation Program** provides free transportation to and from non-emergency medical appointments for people on Medicaid. Visit www.bit.ly/MATPCOVID or call **1-888-547-6287** to learn more.

Still have questions?

Call the Pennsylvania Department of Health hotline at **1-877-724-3258**.



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What's happening on Boundary Street?

Duquesne Light will close S. Neville/Boundary Street between Filmore and Joncaire in both directions for a period of 11 weeks to perform subsurface work on the Riazzi Substation project. While the closure was initially scheduled for January 11, DLC has postponed excavation until the end of the project schedule, in response to neighborhood concerns about the disruption this closure will cause. No firm date for the closure is currently available. OPDC will post additional information as we receive it at www.opdc.org. Inquiries can be sent to the project site's email at RiazziSubstation@duqlight.com.

Dates to know:

February 17: Oakwatch: The Oakland Code Enforcement Project, 6pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 821 0058 0897

Passcode: 448581

Join by phone: 646-558-8656

February 23: Oakland-wide Community Meeting, 6 pm on Zoom

Join by phone: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 896 9555 4441

Passcode: 102151