

Vaccines – Updates since February 24 2021

March 2 2021

United Center opens to make appointments for Seniors, 65+, on Thursday, March 4 2021 at 8:30 am for Pfizer vaccinations to be administered starting on March 9 2021.

- **Register at www.zocdoc.com/vaccine or if you have no web access call 312-746-4835.**
- The call center will be monitored Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- After Illinois seniors have been prioritized, people who are eligible in the state's Phase 1B Plus can make appointments beginning March 7 at 4 p.m.
- 6000 people/day will be processed.
- Through a city partnership with Uber, 20,000 free rides also will be available to those residents who need help getting to the appointment and back after they sign up.
- If there are still open slots by 4 p.m. Sunday, the United Center site will allow sign-ups for the rest of Illinois residents under phase 1b, which includes front-line workers in essential industries and, for most non-Cook County residents, adults with existing health conditions.
- The 110,000 appointments opening up later this week will be for the rest of March, with more to come afterward.
- For the first couple of weeks, residents will walk into large, climate-controlled tents for their injections, and drive-in appointments will possibly be added in the third week so people can stay in their cars.
- The mass vaccination site was a joint effort by local, state and federal governments with FEMA playing a lead role.
- Shots will be administered in tents in Parking Lot E at the northeast corner of the stadium.
- The site is scheduled to be open for eight weeks under the federal program.

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The FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) recommends Johnson & Johnson vaccine for Emergency Use Authorization (EAU).

- EAU granted by both the FDA and CDC on Sunday, February 28 2021 for people 18 years old and up.
- The vaccine is more than 72% effective in the United States, and 64% effective against the South African variant.
- The vaccine shows 86% efficacy against severe forms of COVID-19 and 66% effective overall when moderate cases were included.
- The efficacy rate was lower than two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, but the trials were organized differently and the J&J tests came at a time when new variants were in circulation, making comparisons difficult.
- There were no deaths among participants who had received the J&J vaccine and no hospital admissions after 28 days post-vaccine.
- It's a one-dose vaccine and its storage is good for up to 3 months in a normal refrigerator.
- Clinical trials were held in the US, Latin America and South Africa after the emergence of variants in Latin America and South Africa.
- In the US, there were 20,000 participants in the clinical trials and not a single one was hospitalized with Covid-19 symptoms a month later.
- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine also substantially reduced the number of moderate and asymptomatic Covid cases.

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More resources to try to get the vaccine –

- Weiss Hospital Senior Center – ask to speak with Judy
 - 773-564-5666
- Chicago Vaccine Hunters – a volunteer group that requests that you sign up with them and they will let you know as soon as they find something

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdreIEP_hQBy8vXsW60jogNqmjy16SO9OzV39hT_v5NRaSTzYA/viewform
- IL Vaccine – a consolidating website of locations to get the vaccine put together by a 14-year-old from Skokie who originally just wanted to help his grandparents
 - www.ilvaccine.org
- 48th Ward Vaccine Appointment Help
 - Alderman Osterman can't guarantee that his staff can get you an appointment but they are very willing to help.
 - Contact 224-698-7507 or 48thwardcovid@gmail.com
 - Leave the name, phone number, and address of the person in need of assistance. We will have a volunteer follow up to see how they can assist.
- More locations to check from the Alderman - Clinics
Currently Vaccinating
 - [Physicians Immediate Care](#) (new appointments are released daily at midnight)
 - [Oak Street Health](#)
 - [Heartland Health Centers](#) (can complete [survey](#) to get on list)
 - [Howard Brown Clinics](#)
 - [Walgreens](#) (call or schedule an appointment online)
 - https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp?ban=covid_vaccine_vanity
 - [Swedish Hospital](#) (only taking 65+ in their medical system)
 - [Jewel-Osco](#) (can make appointment)
 - [Rush Medical](#)
 - [UI Health Care](#) (opened appointments for current patients and the public)
- United Center to open March 10 following guidelines from the State of Illinois
 - Appointments will be made available first to those 65 and older.
 - Appointments available to any Illinois resident who currently qualifies under state guidelines, including those 65 and older, health care workers and other front-line workers in essential industries, [such as - first responders, K-12 education workers, food and agriculture, manufacturing, corrections workers and inmates, USPS workers, public transit workers,

grocery store workers, and staff at shelters and daycares] and as of Thursday, [February 25th, to] people with certain preexisting health conditions [such as – Obesity, Diabetes, Pulmonary Diseases, Smoking, Heart Conditions, Chronic Kidney Disease, Cancer, Solid Organ Transplant, Sickle Cell Disease, Pregnancy and Persons with a Disability, not otherwise covered in previous categories. [Persons with a Disability are defined by Illinois law as “a person who is, and who is expected to indefinitely continue to be, subject to any of the following five types of disabilities: physical disability, developmental disability, visual disability, hearing disability ,or mental disability.]]

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency will play the leading role in operating the site, with shots administered in tents in Parking Lot E at the northeast corner of the stadium. The site is scheduled to be open for eight weeks under the federal program.
- Chicagoans who register for the vaccine and indicate they have no or limited transportation options can sign up for their shot and a free ride [from Uber] at the same time ... but details on how weren't immediately available.
- Details on how to sign up are yet to-be-announced.
- Details on what vaccine(s) is/are to be administered are yet to-be-announced.

COVID19 Testing

- 48th Ward COVID-19 Test Clinic (Rescheduled)
 - Saturday, March 6, 2021, 10am – 2pm (Ismali Center parking lot) 6259 N Broadway
 - Registration and Consent Form needed in advance
 - Contact – ginger@48thward.org - 773-784-5277