

## COVID-19 Vaccine Key Points

*Current as of March 16, 2021*

### Recent highlights

- On March 12, Public Health and community leaders honored local heroes and marked one year since we experienced loss of life in Colorado due to COVID-19. Residents across El Paso County are encouraged to share the story of their COVID-19 hero on social media using the hashtag #MyCOVIDHero to help recognize the heroic acts of others during the pandemic.

### El Paso County strategy, phases and timeline

- As vaccine supplies continue to increase, the Consortium is preparing to rapidly and equitably administer vaccines to those in all eligible phases.
- El Paso County is currently focused on providing vaccines to priority populations in Phases 1A, 1B.1, 1B.2 and 1B.3 as part of [Colorado's phased vaccine distribution plan](#). Phase 1A includes high-risk health care workers and individuals. Phase 1B.1 includes everyone age 70 and older and other specific categories. Phase 1B.2 includes anyone 65-69, Pre-K-12 educators and child care workers in licensed programs. Phase 1B.3 includes agriculture and grocery store workers, Coloradans aged 60 and older, and Coloradans aged 16-59 with two or more high-risk conditions.
- The state will begin Phase 1B.4 on March 19. Eligible individuals in this phase include Coloradans aged 50 and older, along with those in student-facing roles in higher education and other essential frontline workers, including restaurant and food service workers, bus drivers, US Postal Service and manufacturing workers. To view the full eligibility list for Phase 1B.4, visit [the state's website](#).
- El Paso County has one of the largest older adult populations in the state. As of March 7, 67% of our 70+ population have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Vaccinating 70+ seniors in our community continues to be a priority to protect one of the groups most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19.
- El Paso County is utilizing a multi-pronged approach to vaccination: leveraging existing health care infrastructure, implementing large-scale clinics (mass vaccinations), and working with partners to increase equitable access to vaccines by reducing barriers.

### Vaccine stats as of March 14:

- 192,010** doses administered
- 121,814** people vaccinated
- 72,404** people fully vaccinated
- 3,105** seven-day average daily doses administered
- 67%** of seniors 70+ have received at least one dose
- 61.2%** of seniors 65-69 received at least one dose

### Phase 1 vaccine providers:

A list of current vaccine providers can be found here:

[www.elpasocountyhealth.org/  
how-will-i-get-the-vaccine](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/how-will-i-get-the-vaccine)

## Vaccine availability

- On Feb. 27, the FDA authorized the Janssen COVID-19 one-dose vaccine for emergency use. Along with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, adding a third vaccine is critical in fighting the pandemic.
- All three vaccines are effective at protecting people against the virus. El Paso County Vaccine Consortium providers recommend that eligible individuals accept the vaccine that is available at the time of their appointment to get protected from the virus now.
- When making a decision to get vaccinated, it's important to seek accurate, credible and reliable sources of information to make informed decisions. For questions about the vaccines, including ingredients, processes and safety, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-faq#Safety>.
- Visit [www.elpasocountyhealth.org](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org) for more information on the vaccine. Residents may also call Pikes Peak United Way 2-1-1 for more information and to be connected with a vaccine provider, or text "vaccine" (for English) or "vacuna" (for Spanish) to 667873.
- The CDC released new [public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people](#). Based on this guidance, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has released [updated guidance regarding recommendations after COVID-19 vaccination](#). This guidance relaxes some of the public health recommendations for social interactions in **private settings**. Per this guidance, fully vaccinated people may now:
  - Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physically distancing in small groups.
  - Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
  - Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if they show no symptoms. People who have been exposed to COVID-19 should still monitor themselves for symptoms for two weeks. If symptoms develop, they should get tested and isolate.
  - CDPHE recommends continuing to avoid medium and large gatherings with multiple households even after vaccination.

## How vaccines are allocated

- We continue to work with the state to increase vaccine supplies to El Paso County to close the gap and receive supplies that are proportional to our population.
- The state has committed to send increased supply to El Paso County over the coming weeks. As part of the efforts to increase supply, the state is sending El Paso County 38,910 vaccines the week of March 14, in addition to the 2,000 being provided for the mass vaccination site.
- The mass vaccination site at the Broadmoor World Arena will launch this Wednesday, March 17, with plans to vaccinate 2,000 people with the Moderna vaccine. This site has plans to quickly ramp up to a potential 6,000 people per day.

## Events and activities

- El Paso County Public Health will hold a pop-up vaccination clinic in partnership with **King Soopers** on March 16, 17 and 18. the El Paso County Public Health South building. Eligible individuals in Phase 1B.3 and earlier will be vaccinated.
- El Paso County Public Health, in partnership with Servicios de la Raza, will host a second-dose clinic this weekend on March 19 and 20 to provide the second dose to people as part of the state's vaccine equity program.