A Colorado Restaurant Worker’s Guide to the COVID-19 Vaccine

This is a living document to help restaurant workers in Colorado find COVID-19 vaccination appointments. We will continue to update as we receive more information.

When am I eligible to get vaccinated?
- Restaurant workers are included in Phase 1B.4 of the State’s COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.
- Restaurant workers, and all of Phase 1B.4, are eligible for the vaccine as of Friday, March 19.

Where can I get vaccinated?
- You can search for any available vaccine appointments in your area at vaccinefinder.org.
- If you have a primary health care provider, you are encouraged to contact them to make an appointment.
- Select pharmacies in Colorado are administering the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Walmart
  - Sam’s Club
  - Safeway
  - Cardinal
  - City Market
  - King Soopers
- You can pre-register with UCHealth, regardless if you are a patient of UCHealth or not.
  - If you are a UCHealth patient, you are automatically added to the vaccine list and will receive updates.
  - If you do not have a My Health Connection account or are new to UCHealth, create a My Health Connection account to be placed on the list to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it is available for your phase, according to the state’s plan.
- You can join the waitlist at Kaiser Permanente and will be notified when you are eligible and when vaccine supply allows.
  - Kaiser Permanente members in Colorado can complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Sign-Up E-visit or call 1-844-951-1932 to join the vaccine waitlist.
  - If you’re not a Kaiser Permanente member, complete the nonmember COVID-19 Vaccine Sign-Up E-visit to join the waitlist.
- County or State vaccination centers: find a vaccine clinic in your area here.
- If you are an employer and want to connect with a vaccine provider to help get your staff access to the vaccine, fill out this survey from the State.

What vaccines are available to me?
- Centers in Colorado have been supplied with either the Pfizer, Moderna, or Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines. For any questions regarding how the vaccines work, click here.
- All three are safe and effective options for preventing the spread of COVID-19. Click here for any questions regarding vaccine safety.
- Pfizer and Moderna require two doses, therefore two appointments, spaced two to three weeks apart.
- The Janssen vaccine only requires one dose.
- All three take two weeks after the final dose before immunity is developed.
What do I need for my appointment?
- It is recommended, but not required, that restaurant workers bring a paystub or letter from their employer for proof of employment to avoid any confusion at the appointment.

What does the vaccine cost? What if I don’t have insurance?
- The vaccine is free! Providers should not ask you to pay for the vaccine or other administrative costs, regardless of your insurance status.
- If you have insurance, the provider may seek reimbursement from your health insurance company for these fees, but you should not be charged.

Do I have to be a U.S. citizen to get the vaccine?
- No. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen, and you will not need to prove lawful presence to get a COVID-19 vaccine in Colorado.
- Know that the Department of Homeland Security announced that vaccination sites will be considered sensitive locations. This means that ICE will not carry out enforcement activities at or near vaccination sites.
- State and local public health agencies will never share your information for any immigration or law enforcement purposes. And receiving the COVID-19 vaccine will not count against you in any public charge determinations.

We have been having continued conversations with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding ways that we can streamline the vaccine distribution process specifically for restaurant workers. We will continue to send updated resources and guidance for the industry prior to the rollout date on March 19 and as we continue to navigate getting employees vaccinated.