WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE

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COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. You can get very sick from COVID-19. It can make it hard for you to breathe.

There are vaccines to help your body fight COVID-19. A vaccine is a shot in the arm. This fact sheet will help you understand how to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Do I have to pay to get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free.

Some people may ask you for money to get the COVID-19 vaccine. They may also ask you for your Social Security number or credit card number. Do not give it to them. It is a scam and they are trying to cheat you!

How do I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

If you live outside of Fairfax, you can sign up for the vaccine at this website or by calling 877-829-4682. If you live in Fairfax, you can sign up at this website or by calling 703-324-7404. After you sign up, you will be contacted when an appointment is available for you.

You may also be able to get a vaccine by contacting a pharmacy near you. CVS, Walgreens, Kroger, Food Lion, Giant, Martin’s, Harris Teeter, Walmart, and Safeway stores have the vaccine. Talk to your family, friends, or someone who helps you if you need help getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Contact the disAbility Law Center of Virginia when your rights are violated. Call them at 1-800-552-3962. Send them a message at this website.

When do I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

There are not enough COVID-19 vaccines for everyone. Virginia has a plan to get everyone the COVID-19 vaccine. The plan has placed everyone into 4 groups.

The 4 groups are called... 1a 1b 1c 2
## COVID-19 Vaccine Groups

### 1a
Group 1a is for Health providers. Health providers are doctors, nurses, and other people who work in hospitals and at the doctor’s office. Health providers may also include people who care for you in your home. They will get the COVID-19 vaccine first.

Group 1a is also for people who live or work at long-term care settings. Long-term care facilities include sponsored residential settings, group homes, intermediate care facilities, and nursing homes.

### 1b
Group 1b includes people who are 65 years or older or who live in jails, homeless shelters, and migrant camps. They will get the vaccine second.

Group 1b also includes people 16 and older who have certain medical conditions. One example is Down Syndrome. To find what medical conditions qualify for Group 1b, visit this website. Additional medical conditions may be considered. They will get the vaccine second.

Group 1b is also for some essential workers. Examples of essential workers are people who work in schools and grocery stores.

### 1c
Group 1c includes essential workers who are not in Group 1a or 1b. They will get the vaccine third. These essential workers may include people who work in restaurants and construction.

### 2
Group 2 are people who are not in Group 1a, Group 1b, or Group 1c. They will get the COVID-19 vaccine after everyone in the other groups get it first.

Learn what group you are in by answering questions at this website.

Getting the vaccine depends on where you live. Local health departments will decide when each group can get the COVID-19 vaccine. They will also decide who can get the COVID-19 vaccine first within each group. Learn what group your local health department is vaccinating at this website.