



COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been committed to a data-driven and equitable approach to vaccination inclusive of hard-to-reach communities. While all Illinois residents, regardless of citizenship status, should have the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, barriers to access may pose a greater problem for some populations than others. This resource list is intended to provide local health departments, community-based organizations, and other community partners with evidence-based information, guidelines, toolkits, training materials, and more to inform their planning efforts.

Resources for: Homebound, Homeless, LGBTQ, Long-Term Care, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rural Residents, Seniors

Resource	Description
State of Illinois Coronavirus Response	<p>Includes multiple state resources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Map of vaccination locations -Prevention in homeless shelters -Prevention in long-term care facilities <p>Residents can also call the state COVID-19 hotline for support finding and booking an appointment: 833-621-1284.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless, Long-Term Care</i></p>
Area Agencies on Aging	<p>Area Agencies have the primary task of planning and coordinating services and programs for older people in their respective areas. Seniors may call the Senior Help Line: 1-800-252-8966.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Rural Residents, Seniors</i></p>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	<p>The CDC has multiple resource, frequently asked questions (FAQs), training materials, and guidance documents for priority populations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -People experiencing homelessness -Long-term care -Tribal communities -People with disabilities -Shared and congregate housing (includes shelters) -Retirement communities <p><i>Resources for: Homeless, Long-Term Care, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Seniors</i></p>
Chicago Homelessness and Health Response Group for Equity Report	<p>The report summarizes best practices, lessons learned, and resources from a team of health care and homeless service providers.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless</i></p>



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<p>Illinois Department on Aging's Community Care Program (CCP)</p>	<p>CCP assists senior citizens by providing in-home and community-based services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Care coordination -Adult day services -Emergency home response service -In-home service <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Seniors</i></p>
<p>VDCommunity Connector Program</p>	<p>Many health insurance providers are supporting seniors 65+ through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Education on safety, efficacy, and value of vaccines -Signing up for vaccine appointments -Coordinating services such as transportation <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, Seniors</i></p>
<p>Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)</p>	<p>IDHS is working to connect community-based organizations interested in hosting equity-based vaccination clinics as well as resources to support outreach and recruitment. If you are a community based organization interested in hosting a vaccination event for your clients and/or the community, complete this survey.</p> <p>In addition, individuals having trouble obtaining a vaccination can contact IDHS for assistance by phone, email, or on the web page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dhs.covid19@illinois.gov • Hotline: 217-558-3350 • https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&item=130387&surveyid=1557 <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, people with disabilities</i></p>
<p>Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)</p>	<p>FQHCs are community-based health care providers that provide primary care services in underserved areas. Many FQHCs across the state are supporting vaccination services (list of sites in link).</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless, LGBTQ, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Seniors</i></p>
<p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine</p>	<p>HUD resources for providers and clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Implementing vaccine distribution strategies -Using data and HMIS for vaccine rollout -Building vaccine confidence <p><i>Resources for: Homeless</i></p>



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<p>Planning and Distribution</p>	
<p>IDPH Community Ambassadors Initiative</p>	<p>Community ambassadors are non-medical, non-public health Illinoisans from all walks of life. These racially and ethnically diverse groups cover every county in Illinois and play a vital role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by sharing information among their friends, family, peers, and neighbors on prevention measures, testing resources, COVID-19 vaccines, and other relevant resources.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, Homeless, LGBTQ, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rural Residents, Seniors</i></p>
<p>IDPH COVID-19 Pandemic Navigator Program</p>	<p>More than 600 trained pandemic health navigators are community health workers and partners across the state supporting COVID-19 education and outreach, care coordination, and contact tracing in vulnerable communities.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless, LGBTQ, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rural Residents, Seniors</i></p>
<p>Community Partnership Vaccination PODs</p>	<p>Mobile vaccination units are available to support health equity initiatives on local vaccination, targeting vulnerable and underserved populations. Requests can be submitted through the website.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, Homeless, LGBTQ, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rural Residents, Seniors</i></p>
<p>Older Americans Act Services</p>	<p>Illinois Department of Aging initiative supporting older adults who wish to stay in their homes by restructuring the delivery of services to include home-based services as well as institutional care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Information, referrals, and outreach -Transportation -Community support services <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Seniors</i></p>
<p>Senior Health Assistance Program</p>	<p>Offices throughout the state provide technical assistance, phone support, or counseling to help Medicare beneficiaries.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Seniors</i></p>