

COVID-19 Vaccine Information *UPDATE*

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Dear NVFP patients,

We are happy to be able to continue sharing with you the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID vaccine in our region. Here is the latest for you!

NVFP continues with our vaccine distribution efforts. We have had our COVID vaccine clinic up and running for a little over a month now and continue to administer both first and second vaccine doses to many patients. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation through this process. As anticipated, many health departments are starting to expand their vaccination eligibility pools even further. In fact, Alexandria City has just opened their vaccine availability to everyone 16 years old and over!

In following with this expansion of eligibility, we are happy to announce that starting in the next weeks, **NVFP will be offering the COVID vaccine to anyone in the practice 18 and over!** Please keep in mind that we have only been supplied with the Moderna vaccine from the Health Department, so unfortunately, we will not be able to vaccinate our 16- and 17-year-old patients. As of right now, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the only one that has been approved for these ages, so if you have children in this age range you will have to locate another site that offers this vaccine type. Please make use of this link in help with locating one: <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

We will also be changing how we schedule appointments for the COVID vaccine. Up until this point, we have been *offering* appointments to those who have qualified. In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to any last remaining higher risk individuals on our roster and offer them a priority appointment. However, starting this week, we will be asking that **you call in and schedule your own appointment for your vaccine**. Rest assured, we do not expect too long of a wait since over half of our practice (1300 people!) have already been successfully vaccinated!

Remember that our vaccination efforts need to outpace the spread of the virus (especially the more infectious variants), so our continued support of community health guidelines is needed. For more information about this, please visit this site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Thank-you for your ongoing patience during these challenging times,

The Providers & Staff at NVFP

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When are children going to be eligible to receive the vaccine?

ANSWER:

Less than two weeks ago, Pfizer-BioNTech asked the FDA to expand the emergency use authorization of its COVID vaccine to cover adolescents ages 12-15. This followed a clinical trial that included 2200 children in this age group which ultimately found that the vaccine was 100% effective at protecting against the coronavirus. It is not clear when this authorization may take effect, though experts are hoping that adolescents will start being vaccinated sometime this summer, perhaps even in time for the start of the school year this fall. The FDA will be reviewing this application over the next several weeks.

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen have also announced that they currently have trials ongoing for adolescents, and there also are trials just starting on children ages 6 months to 11 years old. Realistically, this age group would not be receiving their dose until the late fall or winter.

This is all very exciting because we do need to have children and adolescents included in the vaccination populations to be able to achieve herd immunity. Though we are not there yet, we are definitely moving in the right direction!

Helpful Vaccine Information and Links:

Virginia Department of Health Centralized Pre-registration Website:

<https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or 1-877-829-468

- 1) This website allows one to search for vaccine locations based on zip code, but also by TYPE of vaccine offered. These are mostly commercial pharmacy listings:
<https://vaccinefinder.org/>
- 2) For more information about the different vaccines, please visit this site:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

INDIVIDUAL VIRGINIA HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

1) **Alexandria City:** General Information and Registration:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Vaccines>

Vaccine Hotline for Alexandria City: **703-746-4988** (M-F, 9am-6p).

2) **Fairfax County:** General Information and Registration:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/vaccine/registration>

Vaccine Hotline for Fairfax County: **703-324-7404** (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

3) **Arlington County:** General Information and Registration:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid19/vaccines/registration/>

Vaccine Hotline for Arlington County: **703-228-7999** (M-F, 9a-5p)

4) **Loudoun County:** General Information and Registration:

<https://www.loudoun.gov/5493/How-toSign-Up-for-COVID-19-Vaccine>

Vaccine hotline for Loudoun County: **703-737-8300** (M-F, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

5) **Prince William County:** General Information and Registration:

<https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org/vaccine-information/>

Vaccine Hotline for PWHD : **703-872-7759** (Monday-Sunday from 9 a.m. -4:30 p.m)

VIRGINIA Department of Health Special Group Designations:

1B: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/191/2021/01/Phase-1b-In-Depth.pdf>

1C: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/191/2021/01/Phase-1c-In-Depth.pdf>

OTHER JURISDICTIONS:

1) **Washington, DC:** General Information and Registration:

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>

2) **Prince George's County, MD:** General Information and Registration:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>

3) **Montgomery County, MD:** General information and Registration:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

PHARMACY LIST:

- a. **Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray**
2204 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301 (703) 836-1700
<http://www.delraypharmacy.com/>
- b. **Van Dorn Pharmacy, Alexandria**
5724 Edsall Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 (703) 348-7186
- c. **Preston's Pharmacy, Arlington & Merrifield** <https://prestonspharmacy.com/>
- d. **Joule Wellness Pharmacy, Arlington** <https://joule-wellness-pharmacy.business.site/>
- e. **Genoa Pharmacy** <https://www.genoahealthcare.com/locations/virginia/>
JOIN THE WAITLIST:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/654b922d946c4f7eaa9d916308f5488b>
- f. **Safeway Pharmacy** <https://www.safeway.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html>
- g. **CVS** <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
New appointment slots open at 7am every morning.
You will be able to choose which pharmacy – though be mindful that some locations are far away.
Have insurance card ready to go
CVS Customer Service at (800) 746-7287 (if unable to register online).
- h. **Walgreens** <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>
- i. **Harris Teeter** <https://www.harristeeterpharmacy.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated>
- j. **Giant** <https://giantfood.com/pages/covid-info>