



Chester County Health Department Vaccine Clinic Frequently Asked Questions

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Your safety is our number one priority. Many additional measures have been put in place to keep vaccine clinic staff and clients healthy and safe.

Is registration required for community vaccine clinics this year?

- Registration is required for each person wishing to receive a vaccine at a community clinic. This will help ensure clinic staff is aware of the number of clients expected at each clinic and to maintain social distancing.

What can I do to prepare for the vaccine clinic?

- Please print and complete your consent form in advance. This will decrease the amount of contact and time spent with clinic staff.
- There are two separate consent forms for flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine, double check to make sure you have the right one.
 - If you plan to receive both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines, please be sure to print and complete BOTH forms in advance.
 - [Flu Consent Form](#)
 - [COVID-19 Consent Form](#)
- If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you. There will be no out of pocket cost to you, regardless of insurance status.
- Please do not attend the vaccine clinic if you have [any symptoms of COVID-19](#). You will be screened for symptoms onsite, and anyone with symptoms will not be permitted to enter the clinic.
- Please wear a shirt that allows for easy access to the upper arm for the nurse (e.g., a shirt with straps/no sleeves, a t-shirt).
- Masks will be mandatory for everyone inside the clinic. Correct and consistent mask use is a critical step everyone can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [Learn how to improve your mask's protection.](#)

What can I expect when I arrive onsite at a community flu clinic?

- All clinic attendees will be screened for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) upon arrival, while still in their vehicles.
- Clinic staff will then provide you with a consent form, if you do not have it already.
 - If your consent form is not complete, please complete the form in your car and you may enter the building once it's complete.
- You will park your car and proceed to enter the building.



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What will happen inside the vaccine clinic?

- Clinic staff will permit you to enter the building when capacity allows. There will be a limited number of individuals permitted in any clinic space at any time.
- Floor markings and/or signage will show you how to go through the clinic and how to maintain a safe distance from others. All individuals in the clinic will be spaced apart in lines.
- Clinic registration staff will review your paperwork. If you have insurance, staff will collect your insurance information.
 - If you are receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, your second dose appointment will be scheduled at registration.
- Clinic staff will direct you to the vaccination room. You will enter when capacity allows and when a nurse has a station open.
- You will receive your vaccine(s). Recipients of only the flu vaccine can then exit the building.
- If you are receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, you will proceed to the observation room, wait 15-30 minutes and then exit the building.

Why do I need to be observed after a COVID-19 vaccine but not the flu vaccine?

There have been rare cases of allergic reactions to COVID-19 vaccines, so the CDC has recommended an observational period after administration.

For flu vaccine, there are sometimes concerns about fainting. If you have a history of fainting, please tell the nurse before your vaccination. There are some strategies that can be used to reduce the risk and an observation period may be recommended as well.

Is it safe to receive both a flu and COVID-19 vaccine at the same appointment?

COVID-19 vaccines were previously recommended to be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration of any other vaccines. This was out of an abundance of caution and not due to any known safety or immunogenicity concerns. However, substantial data have now been collected regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized by FDA for use under EUA.

COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines **may now be administered without regard to timing**. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days.

Your safety is our number one priority. Thank you for your patience as clinic staff work to provide you with a positive vaccination experience.