



## 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
<a href="#">State of Illinois Coronavirus Response</a>	<p>Includes multiple state resources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="#">Map of vaccination locations</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Prevention in homeless shelters</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Prevention in long-term care facilities</a></li> </ul> <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>
<a href="#">Area Agencies on Aging</a>	<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>
<a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</a>	<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"> <li>-<a href="#">People experiencing homelessness</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Long-term care</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Tribal communities</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">People with disabilities</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Shared and congregate housing</a> (includes shelters)</li> <li>-<a href="#">Retirement communities</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless, Long-Term Care, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Seniors</i></p>
<a href="#">Chicago Homelessness and Health Response Group for Equity Report</a>	<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 <a href="#">Community Care Program</a> (CCP)</p>	<p>CCP assists senior citizens by providing in-home and community-based services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Care coordination</li> <li>-Adult day services</li> <li>-Emergency home response service</li> <li>-In-home service</li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Seniors</i></p>
<p><a href="#">VDCommunity Connector Program</a></p>	<p>Many health insurance providers are supporting seniors 65+ through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Education on safety, efficacy, and value of vaccines</li> <li>-Signing up for vaccine appointments</li> <li>-Coordinating services such as transportation</li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, Seniors</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Illinois Department of Human Services</a> (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 <a href="#">this survey</a>.</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"> <li>• <a href="mailto:dhs.covid19@illinois.gov">dhs.covid19@illinois.gov</a></li> <li>• Hotline: 217-558-3350</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&amp;item=130387&amp;surveyid=1557">https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&amp;item=130387&amp;surveyid=1557</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, people with disabilities</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Federally Qualified Health Centers</a> (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 <a href="#">link</a>).</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 (<a href="#">HUD</a>) <a href="#">COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine</a></p>	<p>HUD resources for providers and clients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Implementing vaccine distribution strategies</li> <li>-Using data and HMIS for vaccine rollout</li> <li>-Building vaccine confidence</li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homeless</i></p>



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<p><a href="#">Planning and Distribution</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">IDPH Community Ambassadors Initiative</a></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><a href="#">IDPH COVID-19 Pandemic Navigator Program</a></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><a href="#">Community Partnership Vaccination PODs</a></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 <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, Homeless, LGBTQ, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rural Residents, Seniors</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Older Americans Act Services</a></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Information, referrals, and outreach</li> <li>-Transportation</li> <li>-Community support services</li> </ul> <p><i>Resources for: Homebound, People with Disabilities, Seniors</i></p>
<p><a href="#">Senior Health Assistance Program</a></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>