

COVID-19 VACCINE

Latest Updates & Resources



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APPROVAL FOR BOOSTER DOSES STILL PENDING

However, we are already making changes to be ready as quickly as possible when approved.

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) [will meet](#) Sept. 17 to discuss recommendations. This will be followed by a meeting of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to examine data that has come in since the last review. Remember: A booster dose is a "boost" to your immune system to support previous vaccine doses.

In contrast, an "additional dose" is given when the first dose(s) did not have an optimal effect in people who are [immunocompromised](#). Both Pfizer and Moderna have Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA for third doses to those individuals.

MORE TESTING CLINICS STATEWIDE

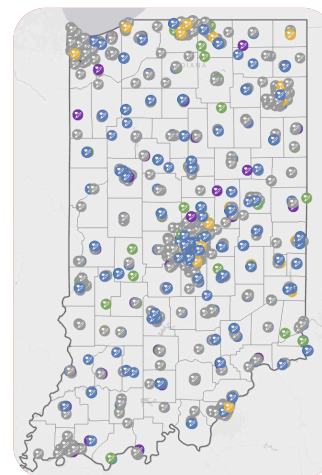
The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is partnering with Gravity Diagnostics to expand access to COVID-19 testing across the state. [Gravity Diagnostics](#) is rolling out new test sites starting this week, and you can find more information on the [IDOH](#) or Gravity Diagnostics websites. Read the [news release](#) for more information about the partnership.



To date, **3,188,168** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated!

FLU-SEASON

Do not forget your [flu vaccine](#) this season. You can get a [flu shot with the COVID-19 vaccine](#). **Vaccinating against different diseases at the same time is not new. COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines may be administered on the same day.** Side effects are not amplified when you get two or more different vaccines.



Rather, you can expect the same [side effects](#) as you would get if you received vaccines at separate times. Pharmacies and individual providers statewide can provide the flu shot, and a COVID-19 vaccine clinic can be found at [OurShot.IN.gov](#).

Recent Study: COMPELLING DATA THAT VACCINES KEEP US SAFE

The CDC released data last week collected from April 4 through July 17 which showed people who were **unvaccinated were 10 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19, and 11 times more likely to die from it.** [Read the full report.](#)



Helpful Resources

- What you can do if you are [fully vaccinated](#).
- Know a homebound individual who needs a vaccine? Call 211. Agents can make an appointment.
- Get proof of vaccination at [Access Indiana](#). Look for "Indiana Vaccination Portal".
- Register for a vaccination appointment at [OurShot.IN.gov](#) (*Chrome or Firefox*). Call Indiana 211 or (1-866-211-9966) if you have difficulty registering online.
- Free rides to vaccine clinics are offered by IU Health. Call 1.888.IUHEALTH (1.888.484.3258) and choose option 9.
 - Free rides are also available to vaccination appointments at select [Kroger locations](#). You will receive a code to use for Lyft ridesharing service with your appointment confirmation.
- [Learn about V-Safe](#), the after-vaccination health checker, and the new [V-safe COVID-19 Pregnancy Registry](#).
- V-safe is also available now in [multiple languages](#).
- Report any adverse effects from any vaccine to the [Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

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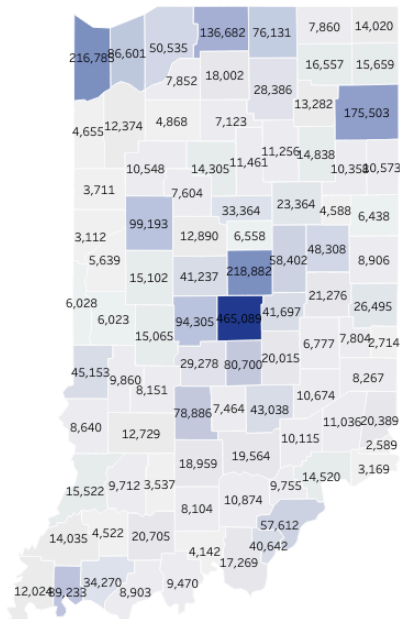
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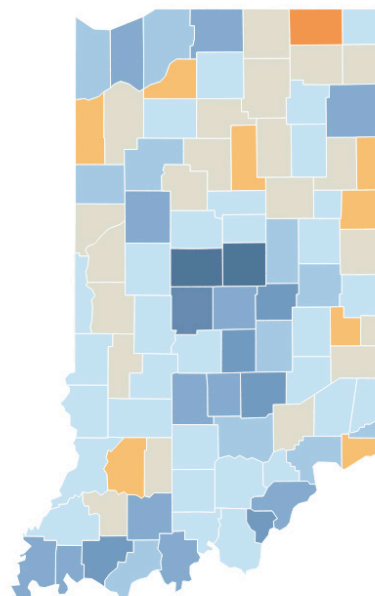
Total Individuals Fully Vaccinated*



3,188,168



Fully Vaccinated as a Percentage of County Population 12+



Percent of Population (12+)

- 0% - 15%
- >15% - 20%
- >20% - 25%
- >25% - 30%
- >30% - 35%
- >35% - 40%
- >40% - 45%
- >45% - 50%
- >50% - 55%
- >55% - 60%
- >60% - 65%
- >65% - 70%
- >70%

*Individuals are fully vaccinated after their 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, OR after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Here are the latest percentages of people who are fully vaccinated by age group. These percentages include residents and staff in long-term care facilities.

75.9% of 80+

80.0% of 75-79

83.9% of 70-74

78.6% of 65-69

71.1% of 60-64

61.5% of 55-59

59.0% of 50-54

51.7% of 45-49

52.0% of 40-44

46.1% of 35-39

42.9% of 30-34

36.3% of 25-29

39.3% of 20-24

40.0% of 16-19

30.7% of 12-15

Vaccine & testing clinic combo coming to IMS

A five-week clinic at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will launch on Sept. 21. The clinic will be noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday to Saturdays through Oct. 30 and will offer the two-dose Pfizer vaccine and one-dose Johnson & Johnson. Flu shots will also be available while supplies last. No appointment required. More details are included in [today's news release](#).



Potential Pfizer timeline for children

Drugmaker Pfizer expects to release data on how well its COVID-19 vaccine works in 6-month to 5-year-old children as early as the end of October. COVID vaccine data for kids between ages 5 and 11 will come much sooner, potentially ready to be submitted to the FDA by the end of this month. The FDA reminds us that the vaccine doses that are currently being studied in younger children are not the same vaccine doses that were authorized for individuals 12 years and older or approved for those 16 years of age and older.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine update

Drugmaker Johnson & Johnson [recently announced](#) data supporting boosting its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine. Studies were launched in anticipation of the potential need for boosters. No booster has been approved for use yet by the FDA.