



SEIU LOCAL 1 COVID-19 VACCINE GUIDANCE

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SEIU Local 1 is fighting to protect Local 1 members and staff against this deadly virus. Because we represent essential workers who are on the front lines, **we encourage all Local 1 members to get the COVID-19 vaccine** to add an additional layer of protection as businesses and offices begin to reopen. As a Local, it is up to us to ensure that all members have equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine-related information.

FAQ

When can I get the vaccine? Where can I get vaccinated?

When you can get vaccinated is dependent on your risk class established by public health agencies. The risk classes, also called “tiers,” prioritize individuals eligible for vaccinations by medical providers. The public tier called “1b” includes people over age 65 and most (but not all) of our members as essential workers.

Refer to the table below and follow the embedded links for more information on if you currently qualify and guidance on registering for vaccination in your city or state:

City or State	Phase	Timeline	Website
IL	1B-1C	Late Summer 2021	bit.ly/ILVaccine
Chicago Specific	1B	Spring 2021	bit.ly/CHIVaccine
MI	1B-1C	Mid Summer 2021	bit.ly/MICHVaccine
Detroit Specific	1B	Early 2021	bit.ly/TCFVaccine
WI	1B-1C	Late Summer 2021	bit.ly/WIVaccine
IN	N/A	N/A	bit.ly/INDIVaccine
MO	2	Fall of 2021	bit.ly/MOVaccine
OH	N/A	N/A	bit.ly/OHVaccine

* Members in Illinois who have been patients at UIC Medical Center or Advocate Illinois Masonic can sign up at their portals to get in line for the vaccine at no charge.

Members under the Local 1 Residential, BOMA (Formerly 25) or Metro Security (International Fund) OptumRx, may now access the COVID-19 vaccine from any major pharmacy in the Chicagoland area **at no cost**.

Pharmacies under this agreement include CVS, Jewel, Mariano’s, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, Costco, Kroger and Albertson/Safeway. We’re currently fighting to expand vaccine access to other pharmacies. We will keep you updated as this develops.

Has anyone died or become ill after taking the vaccine?

Between the three available vaccines, more than 117,000 people from the U.S. and around the world received injections in clinical trials, including more than 25,000 people from the communities most impacted by COVID-19, including Black, Latinx, and older people. More than one million people are getting vaccinated every day now. There have been no deaths and no reports of severe illness following the vaccination.

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Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No. There are no live virus particles. While you might feel minor, temporary side effects from the injection, it is impossible to contract the virus from the vaccine.

Are there any long term side effects?

At this point, no long-term safety issues have been detected. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are monitoring closely.

As more people get vaccinated, more information will be available in the coming weeks and months.

Is one vaccine better than the other?

No. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines both require you to receive two shots, given a few weeks apart. The first shot primes the immune system, helping it recognize the virus, and the second shot strengthens the immune response. Pfizer's second shot is given 21 days after the first one; Moderna's is 28 days later. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose. The best vaccine is the one soonest available to you.

Can I mix the vaccines?

No. For a two-dose vaccine, your second dose must come from the same vaccine as the first. Since the vaccine differs in composition, storage and time between the two doses, experts say people must take the same vaccine for both doses.

Can I still spread the virus even after getting vaccinated?

We don't yet know whether vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others who may not have received the vaccine. That's why it's critical that everyone continues to wear masks, socially distance and follow all the necessary public health protocols both at work and elsewhere.

Is there a cost to get vaccinated?

While the vaccination solution that goes into a syringe is free, providers may charge an administrative fee for the costs of processing appointments, providing space, and paying staff administering the injections. SEIU Local 1 Health Funds in Detroit and Chicago will handle administrative costs of vaccination for members enrolled in a plan. Local 1 is fighting for similar coverage for members in other locations as well, stay tuned for updates. Other providers may require you to pay out-of-pocket and seek reimbursement from your insurance plan. The administrative fee that providers are currently permitted to charge is \$45.33 for the total of two doses.

To view more guidance and updates from SEIU regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.seiu.org/covid-19-faqs.

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