Your Vaccine: What to Expect

Thank you for scheduling your appointment for a vaccination at the City's Community Vaccination Hub in West Seattle.

To ensure your visit is as seamless and safe as possible, please review this information ahead of your visit for details on what to bring, where to go, and what to expect. If you have any questions about the event or would like to request a disability accommodation, please call the City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau at (206) 684-2489, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In-language services are available by phone and will be available at the vaccination site.

Before Your Appointment

For the health and safety of yourself and others, please do not attend your appointment if:

- You are experiencing any COVID-19-like symptoms, including fever, sore throat or coughing; or
- You have come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual in the last 14 days.

What to Bring to Your Appointment

- A photo ID, (if you have it, it is not required). If you do not have a photo ID, you will still be able to get a vaccine for free.
- A mask or face covering
- Wear short sleeves or a garment with a sleeve that can be rolled up or easily moved in order to administer the vaccine in your upper arm.

What NOT to Bring

- Pets (unless a service dog)
- Friends and family into the vaccination hub. If you do not have child care or need assistance, you can bring children or someone to provide assistance. Vaccinations will only be given to individuals who have an appointment. Friends and family can wait for you outside the observation area.

When to Arrive

Please arrive as close to your appointment time as possible. We will not run out of vaccine, and you do not need to arrive early in order to ensure you get vaccinated. If you have an appointment, you will be vaccinated.

How to Get There

There is plenty of free parking on-site at 2801 SW Thistle St, Seattle, WA 98126. There is also free street parking near the site.

The West Seattle Community Vaccination Hub also can be reached by King County Metro Routes 21 and 120.

- If taking Route 21 from either Downtown or White Center, depart the bus at 35th Ave SW & SW Thistle St. Continue east on SW Thistle St and the vaccine site will be on your right.
- If taking Route 120 from either Downtown or Delridge, depart the bus at Delridge Way SW & SW Thistle St. Continue west on SW Thistle St and the vaccine site will be on your left.



What to Expect Upon Arrival

STEP 1: Check-In

You'll enter a clearly marked check-in and vaccination line. You will be required to wear your mask and social distance throughout your appointment. Seattle Fire Department (SFD) team members will help you confirm your appointment. The name you give needs to match the name scheduled for the time slot. If you have it, be sure to have your photo ID ready to show, but ID is not required. Only individuals with a vaccination appointment will be able to get a vaccine.

An SFD team member will verify your personal and contact information. They will also askyou a few mandatory health screening questions. This portion will last around five minutes.

STEP 2: Get Your Vaccination

Your vaccine will be administered by one of our Seattle Fire Department firefighter/paramedics. Please roll up your sleeve on the arm you'd prefer to have the vaccine administered. You will receive a bandage and be provided information on the vaccine you're receiving. This portion will last around one minute.

STEP 3: Relax in the Observation Area

Take a seat in our Observation Area and set a timer for 15 minutes. If you've ever experienced a severe reaction to a vaccination before, please wait 30 minutes. Seattle Fire Department first responders are just a few feet away and able to help with any needs you may have or answer any questions. After 15 minutes, you can head home! Usually, the entire process lasts around 30 minutes.

STEP 4: You're Vaccinated!

Remember, because you're receiving the Pfizer vaccine, you must return for your second dose. You will receive a reminder via text and/or email ahead of your second dose appointment, but you should also set a separate calendar reminder for yourself.