

## MN HEALTH & WELLNESS OUTREACH

**VETERANS COVID-19 VACCINATION OVERVIEW** 



### **NOTICE**

The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA) has
authorized the first two
COVID-19 vaccines. VA
worked with the CDC and
other federal partners to
develop a phased plan. VA's
goal is to do the most good
for the most people during
this time.

#### TAKE NEXT STEP

REGISTER WITH THE VA
Register to validate
eligibility and to stay
informed:
<a href="https://www.va.gov/">https://www.va.gov/</a>
health-care/covid19-vaccine/

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#### FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Keep social distance

# **HOW CAN I GET THE SHOT?**

Here's the latest info on who can now get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA:

- Some VA health facilities now offer COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans who already receive care at VA and are at high risk for COVID-19. Risk is based on VA and <u>CDC COVID-19 risk criteria</u>. At many facilities, this group includes Veterans who are at least 75 years old.
- Each facility will determine when Veterans who already receive care at VA and are at high risk for COVID-19 can get a vaccine. Decisions will be based on these factors:
  - How much vaccine is available
  - o The needs of the local facility and community
  - The strict requirements for how we must store and handle the vaccine
  - The VA will contact you when you can get a vaccine if you are a Veteran who is already receiving care at VA

IF YOU'RE A VETERAN WHO'S ALREADY RECEIVING CARE AT VA, THE VA WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN YOU CAN GET A VACCINE.

#### SOME DESIGNATED FAMILY CAREGIVER

Some designated family caregivers may also be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine at VA. Vaccinating caregivers helps support and protect Veterans. For a caregiver to be eligible for a vaccine, both of these must be true:

- The caregiver must be enrolled in our <u>Program of Comprehensive</u> <u>Assistance for Family Caregivers</u> (PCAFC), and
- The Veteran they care for must be currently eligible for a vaccine based on VA and CDC risk criteria.

If you're an eligible caregiver, the VA will tell you if you can get a vaccine when they invite the Veteran to get one.