

Provider Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Patients

Nationwide Children's has recently opened the COVID-19 vaccine clinic for eligible patients. We will be contacting patients who meet the current vaccine eligibility requirements (as defined by Ohio Department of Health guidelines), and as the hospital receives vaccine supplies.

What patients are eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Nationwide Children's?

Patients must meet age or medical condition criteria for the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. We are following the current guidelines outlined by the Ohio Department of Health. The complete list of eligible medical conditions is available for review by visiting

[Coronavirus.Ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program)

How can vaccine eligible patients schedule an appointment?

Patients and/or providers do not need to contact the hospital.

1. Vaccine eligible patients who have been seen at Nationwide Children's within the last 18 months will be contacted via MyChart or by phone call and offered the opportunity to schedule a vaccination appointment. Currently, due to the significant volume of calls and inquiries and the need to focus on patients with the most serious medical conditions, other patients inquiring about the vaccine will be referred to our COVID webpage for more information.

The best way for us to contact eligible patients for the COVID-19 vaccine is through MyChart. Please encourage all patients to sign up for this free account at NationwideChildrens.org/MyChart

2. Nationwide Children's is now part of Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program and is vaccinating the general public. For patients who meet the state's vaccine eligibility requirements, COVID-19 vaccine appointments can be scheduled online at NationwideChildrens.org/Vaccine

Where is the COVID-19 vaccine clinic?

The COVID-19 vaccine clinic will only be held on main campus in the Orange Clinic. Appointments are necessary for each patient.

The vaccine will NOT be available at the hospital's primary care clinics, urgent care centers, emergency departments, laboratory locations or on a "walk-in" basis.



How much will this vaccine cost my patients?

The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to eligible Nationwide Children's patients at no cost.

What vaccine will be given?

The vaccine given to eligible patients will depend on which vaccine(s) the hospital receives at that time. Information about which vaccine they are given will be provided to each patient.

My patients are hesitant, what can I share with them to encourage vaccination?

The unprecedented scientific cooperation, building on a decade of previous research, made possible the rapid development of the COVID-19 vaccines. Despite this shorter-than-normal development timeframe, all testing processes and standards remained the same and no approval shortcuts were taken or allowed. Vaccines have been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as safe for use and Nationwide Children's is administering them in large numbers to its own staff.

What is the current vaccine distribution plan beyond the current vaccine eligible group?

Vaccine production continues to ramp-up, but for now supplies remain limited and are being provided to the most at-risk frontline staff and patients as determined by the CDC and Ohio Department of Health. Eventually supplies will be sufficient for the vaccine to be more widely available and, after testing and FDA authorization, for all patients. The health and safety of our patients is always our top priority.

**For more information about Nationwide Children's COVID-19 vaccine process,
please visit NationwideChildrens.org/COVID-19vaccine.**

