



Know Your Rights – COVID-19 Vaccine

You do NOT need to provide insurance or an ID to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine providers may request insurance information and proof of identification, but they CANNOT require it. The vaccine is free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.¹

What if I am asked for insurance information?

- COVID-19 vaccine providers are **required to vaccinate everyone -- even if you have no insurance** or are out of network. They cannot charge you anything for the vaccine itself or for giving you the shot.
- They may ask you for health insurance information so your insurance can pay them for giving you the shot. If you have no insurance, the COVID-19 Uninsured Program will pay them.
- If you have no health insurance, and they ask for your insurance information, you can say, "I don't have insurance, but I'd like to get my vaccine."

What if I am undocumented?

"DHS (Department of Homeland Security) and its Federal government partners fully support equal access to the COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine distribution sites for undocumented immigrants. It is a moral and public health imperative to ensure that all individuals residing in the United States have access to the vaccine. **DHS encourages all individuals, regardless of immigration status, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine** once eligible under local guidelines."²

- Your personal information will not be shared from public health agencies to immigration agencies.³
- Immigration enforcement operations will not be conducted at or near vaccine

¹ [CDC](#)

² [DHS](#)

³ [National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants](#)

distribution locations

- Some state and local registration forms ask for a Social Security number, however people may enter 0s instead of a Social Security number if they do not have or know the registrant's number.⁴
- If you are filling out an online form that doesn't allow you to enter 0s instead of a Social Security number, you should try to book your vaccine appointment through a phone hotline instead.
- If you still do not feel comfortable booking an appointment at a government vaccination site, some states are partnering with local churches and community centers to provide vaccinations. Go to www.vaccinefinder.org for a list of some of the providers near you.

What if I'm asked for an ID?

Vaccine providers are **allowed to ask for an ID – but they cannot require it**. They may do this to confirm that you are the person who made an appointment and meet the eligibility requirements, such as being a resident of the state. They may also ask for an ID if you provided an insurance card in an effort to prevent fraud. If you do not have an ID, vaccine providers may NOT turn you away. You may bring other types of identification in order to confirm your identity, including:

- Passport from the country you were born in
- Consular card
- Utility bill which includes your name and address
- Some states have come out with guidance on alternative IDs, check your state health department website for the latest information.

To learn more about the COVID-19 Vaccine and Access

[Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – SEIU

[Get Vaccine Answers](#) – Ad Council and COVID Collaborative

[Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – CDC

[Guide: Addressing Legal Concerns Around Immigration-Related Vaccine Hesitancy](#)

– National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants

⁴ SEIU