How will I know when it's my turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?
The Department of Health will inform the public in a variety of ways as more vaccines become available.

Stay informed through your doctor, the website hawaiicovid19.com, your healthcare provider, or local television, radio or newspapers.

Will there be enough vaccine for everyone in Hawai‘i?
Yes! Although the initial supply is limited, millions more doses are being made and everyone in Hawai‘i will eventually be able to be vaccinated.

Will I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with other people after I have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine?
Yes, even after you have had both shots, you will need to wear a mask and practice other preventive measures, like avoiding close contact with other people.

Together with getting vaccinated, covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others will allow us to eventually return to day-to-day activities.
Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 will get us ‘back to normal’ more quickly.

COVID-19 vaccines are critical in the fight against the pandemic, and the ones being distributed are scientifically proven to be safe and effective.

Getting vaccinated not only can help save yourself and protect the lives of others, it can help us return to work, school, and other day-to-day activities faster.

The Hawai‘i State Department of Health is partnering with federal and county agencies to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the state as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

But until there is adequate vaccine supply for everyone, the priority is on those who are at the highest risk for infection or complications if infected. Not yet vaccinated? Please be patient. Learn when it's your turn to get vaccinated through your doctor, health plan provider, employer, or via the web site hawaiicovid19.com.

About the COVID-19 Vaccines:
Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.

The vaccines that you receive are approved via the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization, a process that helps speed up the availability of medicines and vaccines during public health emergencies such as the current pandemic. They were evaluated and approved by independent scientists and healthcare professionals.

All of the vaccines being administered have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same safety standards as other vaccines. All approved vaccines were tested in tens of thousands of adults from diverse backgrounds, including older adults and communities of color.

The most common side effects of the vaccines include sore arms, fevers, and tiredness within 72 hours after the vaccine. These side effects usually mean that the vaccine is working to generate an immune response.

If problems persist or occur beyond 72 hours, contact your physician.

“We wanted to be part of the solution, and we see the vaccine as the solution.”

Ruth Tokumaru
Oahu Senior