



**How will I know when it's my turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?**

The Hawai'i Department of Health will inform the public as more vaccines become available.

**Stay informed through the website:**

[hawaii-covid-19.com](https://hawaii-covid-19.com) and follow the latest news updates in the local media.

**Will there be enough vaccine for everyone in Hawai'i?**

Yes! Millions more doses are being made and every eligible resident in Hawai'i will eventually be able to get a vaccination.

**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've had both shots, fully vaccinated residents should continue to wear a mask and practice preventive measures, like avoiding close contact with other people. Fully vaccinated people will be able to gather indoors without a mask as long as everyone who is gathered is vaccinated. For additional guidance, visit [hawaii-covid-19.com/masks](https://hawaii-covid-19.com/masks).

*Together with getting vaccinated, wearing a mask snugly against your face, washing hands often, staying at least 6 feet apart and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces will allow us to eventually return to day-to-day activities.*

*"I didn't just take it for myself,  
I took it for our community."*

**Melissa Barton**

Patient Service Representative  
Straub Lung Center (Hawaii Pacific Health)



Sources: U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention,  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Hawai'i State  
Department of Health

For more information call  
the Hawai'i State Department of Health  
**(808) 586-8332**  
**(800) 933-4832** toll free

**[HawaiiCOVID19.com/Vaccine](https://hawaii-covid-19.com/Vaccine)**



#HIGotVaccinated

# Vaccines to Help Fight Against the COVID-19 Pandemic



## Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 will help us get 'back to normal' more quickly.

COVID-19 vaccines are critical in the fight against the pandemic, and the approved vaccines are scientifically shown to be safe and effective.

Getting vaccinated not only protects yourself and others, it will 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 COVID-19 vaccines throughout the state as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

Until there is adequate vaccine supply for everyone, priority is placed on those at highest risk for infection and/or complications. Not yet vaccinated? Please be patient. Learn when it's your turn by following local news and via the web site: [hawaiiicovid19.com](https://hawaiiicovid19.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 you receive are approved via the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization. They have been evaluated and approved by independent scientists and healthcare professionals.

All the vaccines being administered have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same safety standards as previous 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 include sore arms, fevers, and tiredness within 72 hours after receiving 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.

### When Will I Get Vaccinated:

Every Hawai'i resident age 16 and above will eventually have access to the vaccine.

Hawai'i's population will be vaccinated in stages as vaccines become available. Prioritization and timeline is subject to change.



Late 2020

Health care workers and nursing homes

Early 2021

First responders, essential workers at high risk of exposure, kupuna 75+, and correctional facilities



Spring 2021

Individuals 65+, individuals over the age of 16 with a high risk of COVID-19 complications, other essential workers



Summer 2021

Community members



*"We wanted to be part of the solution, and we see the vaccine as the solution."*

**Ruth Tokumaru**  
O`ahu Senior

