

## ST. LUKE'S COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAM - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. What is the process for individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through St. Luke's Hospital?

A. We are following guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for prioritization of individuals at highest risk for severe illness to be the first to receive the vaccine. St. Luke's Hospital is currently vaccinating individuals in the Phase 1A and Phase 1B – Tier 2 populations, **with priority focus in the 1B – Tier 2 group on individuals age 70 and older**. Please visit our website [lukesvaccine.com](https://lukesvaccine.com) for more information and to submit a request to be placed on our vaccine clinic waiting list, or call our COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at (314) 542-7691.

### Q. Do I have to have an appointment to receive a vaccine?

A. An appointment is required for you to receive your vaccine at St. Luke's. We are currently vaccinating individuals in the Phase 1A and Phase 1B – Tier 2 populations as defined by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, **with priority focus in the 1B – Tier 2 group on individuals age 70 and older**. Please call our COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at (314) 542-7691 or visit our website [lukesvaccine.com](https://lukesvaccine.com) for more information and to submit a request to be placed on our vaccine clinic waiting list. Vaccine doses are extremely limited and are allocated based upon the appointments scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Our vaccine clinic cannot accommodate walk-in requests.

### Q. How can I find out my position on the wait list and how quickly will my appointment be scheduled?

A. Please note that the wait time for a vaccination appointment may extend several weeks or months from the time you register to be placed on the list, depending upon populations currently eligible to receive the vaccine and vaccine dose availability. We are unable to provide you with an exact position on the waitlist. You will receive an invitation to schedule your appointment as additional vaccine doses become available and eligible groups are expanded.

### Q. How will St. Luke's allocate vaccines?

A. The number of individuals St. Luke's can vaccinate in Phases 1A and 1B- Tier 2 will be based upon the availability of vaccine doses. Vaccine doses are extremely limited and are allocated based upon the appointments scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Our vaccine clinic cannot accommodate walk-in requests.

### Q. Will I still need to wear a mask and practice other safety measures after I receive the vaccine?

A. It is important after you receive the vaccine to continue wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance from others, avoiding large gatherings and practicing frequent hand hygiene. It can take up to two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective. Also, it is not yet known if vaccinated individuals can still spread the virus. Until more people are vaccinated and more is known about the possibility of vaccinated individuals spreading the virus, it is essential for everyone to continue practicing safety measures.

### Q. Are there any contraindications to vaccination?

A. There are no medical conditions that would be considered a contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Persons who have had a severe allergic reaction to any vaccine or injectable therapy (intramuscular, intravenous or subcutaneous) should not receive the vaccine at this time. You should discuss with your OB/GYN prior to registering for the vaccine if you are pregnant. You should discuss with your primary care physician or specialist prior to registering for the vaccine if you are on immunosuppressive medications or therapies, or have questions regarding other medications that you are taking.

### Q. Will St. Luke's use this same process for vaccinating the public?

A. Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is not yet available to the general public. However, this is a rapidly changing situation, so please continue to check [lukesvaccine.com](https://lukesvaccine.com) for details and to submit a request to be placed on our vaccine clinic waiting list. For the most up-to-date information regarding the pandemic and vaccine, we encourage you to visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 vaccine website [MOPStopsCOVID.com](https://MOPStopsCOVID.com) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Website: [cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19).