



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY  
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### COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Vaccine Available for Residents 50 and Older

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department today expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to include all San Luis Obispo County residents age 50 and older.

#### Who is currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in SLO County

With this expansion, the following residents are now eligible:

- Residents age 50 and older
- Long-term care residents and staff
- Workers in:
  - Health care and community health
  - Education and childcare
  - Food and agriculture
  - Emergency services
  - Public transit
  - Janitorial services
- Residents at high risk because of certain severe medical conditions or severe high-risk disabilities
- Residents who live or work in a homeless shelter or a behavioral health facility

Residents who are eligible because of their medical conditions or disability are asked to self-attest to their condition and do not need to provide documentation from their health care provider.

For detail on eligibility in each sector, see [When and Where Can You Get Vaccinated?](#) at [RecoverSLO.org](http://RecoverSLO.org).

#### Where to get the vaccine

Vaccine is available by appointment at County vaccination clinics in Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo. It is also available from some local pharmacies and health care providers.

- **For an appointment at County vaccine clinics:** [Eligible community members](#) can get a first-dose appointment by signing up for the Vaccine Appointment Registry at

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[www.slopublichealth.org](http://www.slopublichealth.org)

[www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine](http://www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine). As appointments become available, eligible registrants are matched with an appointment based on their preferences. For help signing up, call the County's Phone Assistance Center at (805) 543-2444 or (805) 781-4280.

- **For an appointment at local pharmacies:** Eligible residents can also get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at some local pharmacies. See [RecoverSLO.org](http://RecoverSLO.org) for a list of local vaccine providers and links to check availability at these locations.

### **Patient requests or preferences among available COVID-19 vaccines**

The Public Health Department is following CDC guidelines and FDA guidelines for safely administering the available COVID-19 vaccines. Due to the limited and unpredictable supply of vaccine and the complexity involved in distributing it, we cannot provide an option for residents to choose which of these vaccines they would like to receive. (Eligible residents age 16 or 17 who register for an appointment at a Public Health Department site will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine because it is the only one that has received EUA for those under age 18.) Our public health recommendation is that eligible residents may safely receive any of the three available vaccines, with appropriate pre-screening and post-vaccine observation. If patients express a strong preference and will only accept one type of vaccine, they may contact local pharmacies or use a tool such as [VaccineFinder.org](http://VaccineFinder.org) to identify an appointment for the vaccine they would like to receive.

### **How to become a provider of the COVID-19 vaccine**

Health care providers in SLO County are encouraged to enroll to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine to administer to eligible patients. We recommend beginning the process now, as it involves multiple steps and levels of review. For an overview of the process and to get started, visit the Calvax enrollment portal at <https://calvax.cdph.ca.gov>. Questions? Email [covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov) or call (833) 502-1245.

### **Answers to FAQs about COVID-19 vaccine in SLO County**

Please encourage your staff and patients to review frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine in SLO County. These FAQs are updated daily and include specific local information:

[www.RecoverSLO.org/VaccineFAQs](http://www.RecoverSLO.org/VaccineFAQs)

CDC also provides guidance for health care providers on talking with patients about the vaccine, answering their questions, and addressing specific concerns. You can find this information at:

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp).

### **For vaccine updates**

For local updates on COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage patients and health care providers to:

- Regularly check [www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine](http://www.RecoverSLO.org/Vaccine).
- Sign up for email updates at [www.EmergencySLO.org/Subscribe](http://www.EmergencySLO.org/Subscribe)
- Follow the Public Health Department on social media: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#)
- Watch the Public Health Department's news briefings at [www.EmergencySLO.org/Briefings](http://www.EmergencySLO.org/Briefings)
- Call the recorded Public Health Information Line at (805) 788-2903.