

What Firefighters Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines

Background

There have been three vaccines approved by the FDA for emergency use authorization (EUA), Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen). We would like to take this opportunity to provide first responders with some quick reference links to access important information.

Questions and concerns about the EUA, vaccine safety, how it is administered, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at the links provided in the resource section below.

Webcast on different topics such as What Clinicians Need to Know about Vaccines, Allergic Reactions, Contraindications, and Precautions, and Vaccine Safety among other topics can be viewed at the CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) website:
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp>

Health alerts and advisories can be accessed through the PA Health Alert Network (HAN):
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/HAN.aspx>

COVID-19 training is available on TRAIN PA: <https://www.train.org/pa/welcome> Type keyword such as “covid” or “covid-19” in the search box.

We encourage all first responders to remain diligent with using appropriate PPE, screening of personnel, cleaning and disinfecting processes and maintaining good health. Fully vaccinated Pennsylvanians may choose not to wear a mask unless a business or organization, such as a school, requires that added layer of protection, in accordance with updated masking guidance from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

Please refer to the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](https://www.health.pa.gov) and [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website regularly for the most up-to-date information regarding vaccination data. You can find all the latest updates by the Department of Health here: <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Health.aspx>

Additional Resources

- Find a provider nearest you using our improved map via Vaccine Finder:
<https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- PA Dept. of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Dashboard.aspx>
- May 17th Mitigation Order on Capacity Changes:
 - <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-to-increase-indoor-and-outdoor-events-and-gatherings-maximum-capacity-on-may-17/>
- May 31st Mitigation Order Announcement:
 - <https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/health-details.aspx?newsid=1437>