



Public Health
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Iredell County Health Department
COVID-19 Pre-Vaccination Screening- Moderna or Janssen Vaccine

Please review before being vaccinated



These individuals can't be vaccinated:

- Less than 18 years old- ***The vaccine is not approved for anyone less than 18 years old***
- Moderate to severe illness on appointment date- ***Wait until feeling better.***
- COVID-19 positive and having symptoms- ***Wait until you are feeling better and out of isolation period.***
- Currently in a quarantine period due to exposure to someone with COVID- ***Come back when you are out of quarantine.***
- Received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma as part of COVID-19 treatment in the past 90 days- ***Wait until 90 days after the treatment.***
- Allergic reaction to any brand of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine, including any of the following:
 - Polyethylene glycol (PEG), which is found in some medications, such as laxatives and preparations for colonoscopy procedures.
 - Polysorbate, which is found in some vaccines, film coated tablets, and intravenous steroids.
 - A vaccine or injectable therapy that contains multiple components, one of which is a COVID-19 vaccine component, but it is not known which component elicited the immediate reaction.
- Moderna- Received a first dose of another brand of vaccine and were unable to finish the series with the same brand of COVID-19 vaccine- ***Vaccine brands are not interchangeable; both doses must be given with the same brand of vaccine.***

These individuals can be vaccinated, but are made aware of the risks/limitations:

- Impaired immune responsiveness, whether due to use of immunosuppressive agents (irradiation, corticosteroids, etc.), HIV infection, or other causes- ***May have a reduced antibody response to active immunization.***
- Currently have dermal fillers- ***Swelling around the filler can occur; notify your healthcare provider if swelling develops at or near the site of the filler after vaccination.***
- Bleeding disorder or on blood thinner: ***There is an increased risk for bleeding at the injection site- If no intramuscular (IM) vaccine received since being diagnosed with bleeding disorder or taking a prescription blood thinner, check with your medical provider for approval to receive an IM vaccine.***
- If pregnant- ***There is no data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccine in pregnant women. There is a risk of adverse pregnancy outcome and studies are still ongoing. If you have questions or concerns about vaccination, discuss with your medical provider to make an informed decision.***
- If breastfeeding- ***There is no data on the safety of COVID-19 vaccine in breastfeeding women or on the effects on the breastfed infant or milk production/excretion. The vaccine does not contain a live virus, so no harm to the baby is expected. If questions or concerns about vaccination, discuss with your medical provider to make an informed decision.***
- History of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-A): ***There are no data on the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines in individuals with a history of multisystem inflammatory syndrome. The CDC recommends considering delaying vaccination until recovered from the illness and for 90 days after the date of diagnosis. You may want to discuss with your medical provider to assist with decisions about the use of a COVID-19 vaccine.***

If Receiving Janssen Vaccine:

- Individuals with history of an episode of an immune-mediated syndrome characterized by thrombosis and thrombocytopenia, such as heparin-induced thrombocytopenia: ***Should not receive Janssen vaccine if 90 days or less since the illness resolved. May receive any COVID-19 vaccine after 90 days.***
- Janssen vaccine in women less than 50 years of age: ***There is a rare risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) among Janssen COVID-19 recipients. Other FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are available.***