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COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Any Hoosier age 50 and older is now eligible to schedule a vaccination appointment. Visit the ourshot.in.gov website to register, or call 2-1-1 for assistance. If you have mobility issues, please choose the Convention Center when selecting an appointment location. Please spread the word to individuals who are in this age range.

The vaccine is also available to first responders (firefighters, police officers and sheriff's deputies, emergency medical services, reservists and correctional officers) who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to give medical aid, and licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers who have in-person contact with patients or infectious

material in any healthcare setting. Eligible professionals should receive an invitation and registration link from their employer, professional association, or the State of Indiana (Indiana Department of Health, Professional Licensing Agency, Family & Social Services Administration, Department of Homeland Security, or another state agency). If you are a licensed healthcare provider, make sure your email is updated with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and continue to check your email and SPAM. If you are eligible and haven't received an invitation, please ask your employer.

The Main Library offers a dedicated COVID-19 vaccine registration computer station along the second-floor atrium wall. Additionally, any public computer in our facilities may be used to register for the vaccine.

Hoosier educators can now get vaccinated through federal pharmacy program sites, outside of the state plan. Appointments must be scheduled directly with [Kroger](#), [Meijer](#), or [Walmart](#). [Learn more from Indiana Public Media](#).

Community Resource Database

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and many collaborators in the community have gathered an [extensive database of resources](#) to help Monroe County individuals and businesses navigate the effects of COVID-19. This includes guidance for businesses, legal resources, economic information, health department recommendations, and more. [Search the database here](#).

Free Monroe County Tax Help

Did you make \$57,000 or less in 2020? You can file your state and federal tax returns free through United Way of Monroe County's free tax prep services. This year, there are two limited-contact and two no-contact locations in Monroe County. [Get help dates, locations, and contact information](#). Additionally, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. [Find a provider](#).

Health Insurance Open Enrollment through May 15

The Biden-Harris administration [recently announced](#) a new Special Enrollment Period (SEP) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. This period allows for an election of new health coverage or the change of existing health coverage. From February 15–May 15, any Hoosier can apply for coverage or change their existing plan in the Marketplace without providing documentation to prove a qualifying life event. Affiliated Service Providers of Indiana (ASPIN)'s certified navigators can help you if needed. Call toll-free 877-313-7215 or [visit their website](#). All services are free of charge.

Need Help? Call Indiana 2-1-1

For Hoosiers in need of help accessing local resources in Monroe County, Indiana 2-1-1 has a team of Community Navigators available to provide expert referrals to services in our community. 2-1-1 Community Navigators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you with a variety of resources such as food and clothing, mental health and addiction services, healthcare, housing and utility assistance, education and employment, parenting support, tax assistance, and more. [Learn more](#).

Resources for Survivors of Violence

We are committed to being a supportive voice for survivors of violence in Monroe County. As many predict an influx of family violence during the pandemic, Middle Way House remains open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is offering a new webchat resource to assist survivors without telephone access. [Learn more about how to get help.](#)

Bloomington Mask Drive: Free Masks

The Bloomington Mask Drive offers [free reusable masks in the Main Library parking lot entrance vestibule](#) and in other community locations. [View a full location list](#) and learn more about the organization, including how to become a volunteer.

Community Access Television Services

Want to stay informed? Our television station, Community Access Television Services, telecasts five cable channels in Monroe County and provides live and archived coverage of councils, boards, and commissions, including the Mayor's weekly COVID-19 community press conference. [Find a full lineup.](#)

Vaccination Volunteers Needed

As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more available and we enter phases to vaccinate large portions of the public, the Monroe County Health Department will need your help. The Monroe County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is the local chapter of a national program to coordinate volunteers in the event of a disaster or public health emergency. Anyone age 18 and up without a criminal history may join (even those with a non-medical background). Volunteer roles vary and your time and involvement are voluntary. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [monroemrc \[at\] co.monroe.in.us](mailto:monroemrc[at]co.monroe.in.us) for more details.

Health Sources

As COVID-19 information changes frequently, we are committed to keeping you safe and informed. Visit these websites for current health information.

- [Indiana COVID-19 Dashboard and Map](#)
- [Monroe County Community COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Indiana Vaccine Information and Planning](#)
- [Monroe County Health Department](#)
- Monroe County alert notification signup ([create an account](#) for email/text updates)
- [Indiana State Department of Health](#)
- [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [COVID-19 case tracking by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University](#)

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