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As of January 4, 2021, the following groups are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine:

- ✓ All outpatient and ambulatory frontline, high-risk health care providers who provide in-person patient care or other staff in a position where they have direct contact with patients of any age. This includes hospital and community-based ambulatory care, primary care, and outpatient behavioral health service providers; phlebotomists; physical and occupational therapists; and specialty clinics, including dialysis centers.
- ✓ All frontline, high-risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients
- ✓ Nursing home and other long-term care facility residents and staff
- ✓ Health care workers at COVID-19 testing sites
- ✓ High-risk hospital and Federally Qualified Health Center staff
- ✓ Emergency medical service frontline personnel
- ✓ Medical examiners and coroners
- ✓ Funeral workers who have direct contact with infectious material and bodily fluids
- ✓ Staff and residents in group living facilities run by the New York State Offices for People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, and Addiction Services and Supports
- ✓ Urgent care providers
- ✓ Staff administering the COVID-19 vaccine
- ✓ Staff at dental practices of all types

To learn more or to find out where to get vaccinated, visit nyc.gov/covidvaccine.



Visit page 3 for information on the COVID-19 vaccine and eligibility.



May 2021 Year be one to celebrate!



What you Need to Know about the Covid-19 Vaccine:

1. Who is currently eligible for the vaccine? The COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed first to healthcare workers and nursing home residents. The next group will be people aged 75 or older. Find the latest on eligibility [here](#).

2. When will senior citizens be eligible to be vaccinated? People aged 75 or older will be the next group to be vaccinated. This is estimated to begin in February. People between the ages of 65-74 will be eligible in the phase immediately following.

3. When will people with underlying medical conditions be eligible to be vaccinated? Those with underlying medical conditions that put them at a higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness will be eligible concurrently with senior citizens age 65-74 and is projected to begin in March. What constitutes an underlying medical condition will be issued by NY State in the near future.

4. How will I know when it's my turn to be vaccinated? "My Turn NYC," a system by which New Yorkers can track their eligibility and determine when they will be vaccinated, launches in January.

5. Can I make an appointment? Where will I be able to receive the vaccine? Log on to nyc.gov/vaccinelocations and follow prompts to make an appointment and designated location.

6. What COVID-19 vaccines are available? Two vaccines are authorized for distribution across the country, from Pfizer and Moderna. Each vaccine requires 2 doses to be most effective. There are other [vaccines](#) nearing the end of clinical trials, some of which require fewer doses and are more easily stored.

7. Can I choose between them? At this time, the DOH has limited quantities of each vaccine. The Mayor's office is in communication with DOH regarding vaccine preference.

8. Is the vaccine safe? There have been no significant safety concerns reported regarding administration of the vaccine. You can learn more about safety measures from [the Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

9. How many doses does New York City have? How many have been distributed? NYC has 585,850 reserved doses of the vaccine. As of January 8, 167,949 have been administered. Find the latest data on DOH's [vaccine tracker](#). The Mayor has asked for authority to distribute unused vaccines to help vaccinate those 75 and up.

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Famous Past Residents – MI6!

Hold on to your hats and keys – this one's a doozy! Shown here is Sir William Stephenson, Code Name "Intrepid," Head of MI6 USA. Here is a quote from *Agents of Influence*, written by Henry Hemming, highlighting his and his agent's stay here at the Hampshire House:

"Stephenson took one look at his new domain, a gloomy suite of rooms on Exchange Place, Lower Manhattan, and decided never to return. Instead he moved his threadbare staff to a different office. He might have chosen a slightly larger or less depressing set-up in the same block. Instead his new charges, no more than ten MI6 employees, were told to report to Hampshire House, overlooking Central Park, where they were led up to a penthouse apartment, one of the most lavish and expensive residences anywhere in New York, which would now double up as both the MI6 station for the United States and Stephenson's home. His staff could hardly believe their eyes.

Their new workplace had featured in a recent issue of *House and Garden*, whose readers were told breathlessly that 'the ceiling is pink, the floor black and white marble', and the lights were concealed in

the fruit and flower clusters'; its enormous doors were finished in a 'maroon lacquer' with 'chunky white moldings' and scattered around the

stately two-story drawing room were 'carved Georgian banquettes in white, upholstered and tufted in crimson velvet'. It looked like the set of a Fred Astaire musical. An early visitor to the new MI6 office was the actor and singer Noel Coward, who was lined up at one point to work for Stephenson, and who remembered feeling decidedly at home in here amid 'the outsize chintz flowers crawling over the walls'. Few intelligence headquarters have ever been so luxuriously decorated, or so garishly."



Hemming, Henry. *Agents of Influence* (pp. 24-25). PublicAffairs. Kindle Edition.

A Poem for Trying Times

IF...Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!



Updated COVID-19 Travel Guidelines:

For any traveler to New York State from a noncontiguous state, US territory, or CDC level 2 and higher country, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 10-day quarantine are below:

For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:

Travelers must obtain a test within 3 days of departure, prior to arrival in New York. The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for 3 days. On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests are negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.

For travelers who were out-of-state for less than 24 hours:

The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State. However, the traveler must fill out our traveler form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York.

The local health department must make contact with the state the traveler came from, to ensure contact-tracing proceeds there as well. All travelers must continue to fill out our traveler form upon arrival into New York State.

For general inquiries contact the call the Hotline: [1-888-364-3065](tel:1-888-364-3065) or [Ask a Question](#).

To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel guidelines [click here](#) or call 1-833-789-0470.

Other News...

W. 58th Street Shelter Update: We have been successful in preventing the shelter from opening for what will be 3 years in March. The efforts have been costly financially but we continue to make progress with the courts. We have negotiated a flat fee for the briefs of \$70,000, in addition there will be expenses for the printing and oral arguments that we estimate will be \$20,000 to \$25,000. We will need additional funds very quickly to keep the attorneys working. If you can please review and get back to me with contributions, it would be very much appreciated.

West 58th St Steering Committee

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Then and Now...

The Rockefeller Christmas Tree in 1931 and 2021!

