



## COVID-19

### Benefits of Vaccination

Are you undecided about getting a COVID-19 vaccine? Below is a full list of vaccination benefits.

#### [You Can Resume Activities You Did Before the Pandemic](#)

You can participate in many of the activities you enjoyed before the pandemic. Depending on where you are though, you may need to keep the mask on inside. On July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance stating that fully vaccinated individuals should wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

#### [You Can Get Back to Traveling](#)

If you're fully vaccinated, you no longer have to quarantine and you and your family have less risk of catching COVID-19 when traveling.

#### [You Can Visit Family and Friends](#)

You've missed family members or friends since March 2020. You can now visit fully vaccinated loved ones in person without a mask.

#### [The Vaccine Reduces Your Risk of Infection](#)

When you receive the vaccine, your body begins producing antibodies against the coronavirus. If you are exposed to COVID-19 in the future, these antibodies help your immune system fight the virus and reduces your chance of catching the disease.

#### [The Vaccine Protects against Severe Illness and Hospitalization](#)

The three emergency authorized vaccines in the U.S. are effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19. Studies show that vaccinated people who do get COVID-19 have mild cases of the disease and the risk of hospitalization and death is nearly eliminated.

#### [You No Longer Need to Quarantine if You're Exposed to the Virus](#)

The past year created a lot of uncertainty and questions, especially if you were exposed to someone who had tested positive for COVID-19. If you are fully vaccinated, you no longer have to quarantine if you are exposed to a positive case and are not experiencing symptoms. Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days following known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

#### [Kids Can Get Back to School](#)

Fully-vaccinated children, aged 5 and older, can continue to stay in school when exposed to a known case of COVID-19 if they aren't experiencing symptoms. By not having to quarantine, they can

continue to learn in-person and have those experiences and relationships that come from being in the classroom.

#### [The COVID-19 Pandemic Can End Sooner](#)

As more people get the COVID-19 vaccine, everyone in our community becomes more protected. With less unvaccinated people to infect, the virus will spread less and risk of outbreaks reduces in our community.

#### [The Vaccine is No Cost](#)

The COVID-19 vaccine is no cost to anyone in the United States – even if you don't have insurance.

#### [Where Does the Sedgwick County Health Department \(SCHD\) Administer Vaccine?](#)

SCHD offers the Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine at multiple locations across Sedgwick County. The Pfizer vaccine is available to people age 5 and older; the J&J vaccine is available to people age 18 or older.

The SCHD offers the following no-cost, walk-in vaccine clinic options:

- **Main Vaccine Clinic** at the former Wichita Public Library | 223. S. Main, Wichita, KS 67202
- **Mobile Clinics** are offered by SCHD staff
- **Partner Clinics** are offered by community partners and assisted by SCHD staff. Appointments preferred but walk-ins are welcome
- **Event Clinics** are where SCHD offers vaccine during an event. Businesses planning events can contact SCHD by email at [SCHDCovidVaccine@sedgwick.gov](mailto:SCHDCovidVaccine@sedgwick.gov)

For a full list of mobile, partner and event clinics and information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations in Sedgwick County, please visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/vaccine](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/vaccine).

#### [Vaccine Finder](#)

To find a vaccine clinic near you, visit <https://vaccines.gov/search/> and enter your ZIP Code. You can also check with your medical provider or community health center to find out if they offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

