



COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be remarkably effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, including against known variants. People who are fully vaccinated continue to get highly effective protection against hospitalizations and severe outcomes from COVID-19.

Getting any of the three COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the United States offers better protection than being unvaccinated. The CDC guidance now prefers the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, based on the latest scientific evidence of their effectiveness and the rare side effects from the J&J vaccine. Depending on available supply, Fergus County Health Department will continue to offer all three vaccines as recommended by the CDC. **Call our office for available appointment times 406-535-7433.**

After receiving a vaccination, there is a 15- to 30-minute observation period.

You can get a COVID-19 vaccination, along with a seasonal flu shot.

Vaccine information:

Pediatric doses

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has authorized the **Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine** for children and teens age 5 and older. The dose for children age 5-11 is one-third of the dosage of the vaccine for older adolescents and adults. The vaccine is a 2-dose series taken 3 weeks apart.

Booster doses

First Booster:

- For adults over 18, booster doses will be offer for the **Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines** five months after their second dose.
- Youth aged 12-17, booster doses will be offer for the **Pfizer vaccine** five months after their second dose.
- For those who got the **Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine**, booster doses are recommended for those 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.
- For adults over 18, booster doses will be offer for the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines for those who are immune-compromised and who were vaccinated three or more months ago from the third dose.

Second Booster:

- For adults 50 years of age or older and got their first booster at least 4 months ago
- Anyone moderately or severely immunocompromised, 12 years of age or older, and got their first booster at least 4 months ago

- Individual's' that got 2 doses of J&J/Janssen vaccine at least 4 months ago
- Second boosters can only be Moderna or Pfizer

Third doses

Fergus County Health Department continues to offer a third dose of **Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** to people who are moderately to severely immune-compromised and have received their second dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) at least 28 days ago.

The CDC recommends a third COVID-19 vaccine dose for people who are being treated for cancer, have had organ or stem cell transplants, being treated with immune-suppressing medication or have other moderate to severe immune deficiency. If you aren't sure if you are immune-compromised, consult your healthcare provider.

Vaccine Information Sheets:

- [Moderna VIS](#)
- [Pfizer/Comirnaty VIS](#) (ages 12yrs and older)
- [Pfizer \(ages 5-11\) Fact Sheet](#)
- [Janssen \(J&J\) Fact Sheet](#)

COVID-19 Testing

The Health Department is offering COVID-19 testing for symptomatic, exposure, travel or procedures. Call 406-535-7433 to schedule an appointment, testing is done by appointment only. Please do not come into the office if you are ill, call our office and we will make arrangements to assist you.

Free home COVID-19 test kits are available at the following location during these pickup times:

- **Fergus County Courthouse**, 712 W Main Street, in the lobby during business hours 8-5 Monday-Friday

Each kit contains two tests. There is no ID or insurance required.

To report the results of a home test kit, click on the link below.

- https://montanagovernment-aijle.formstack.com/forms/montana_covid_home_test_reporting

Federal Home Test Ordering Site:

- <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Testing for Travel Options:

- Rapid Molecular testing designed to meet the 72-hour deadline for travelers who need a negative test before departure to certain destinations. The test costs \$100.
- Rapid PCR-RT testing designed to meet the 72-hour deadline for travelers who need a negative test before departure to certain destinations. The test costs \$150.
- Rapid Antigen testing designed for travelers who need a negative test to certain destinations or events. The test costs \$34.