

Getting your employees vaccinated.

Right now everyone who is a NYS resident or who works or attends school in NYS and is over the age of 16 is eligible for the COVID vaccination. The vaccine is always free and in most cases documentation of insurance coverage is not required.

So I did a quick search for COVID Immunizations today (April 19<sup>th</sup>) and found that there was very good availability of appointments across the region within a few days. In some cases I could have gotten an appointment today. If you need to get someone vaccinated quickly, anecdotally I am hearing that if you go to a site at the end of the clinic, even if you don't have an appointment, there may be doses available due to no-shows.

### **Acceptable Forms of Proof of Eligibility (for most locations)**

**Identification:** Sufficient identification includes a driver's license, passport, or any legal proof of your date of birth and residency. Note that non-NYS residents may be vaccinated if they work in NYS. For individuals under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must provide consent for vaccination. A parent or legal guardian must provide verbal consent either in person, or by phone, at the time of vaccine appointment.

**Documentation of age is required** and can be a Driver's license or non-driver ID; Birth certificate issued by a state or local government; Consulate ID; Current U.S. passport or valid foreign passport; Permanent resident card; Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship; Life insurance policy with birthdate; or Marriage certificate with birthdate. However now that the age is 16 – most places are not really checking this.

**Proof of NYS Employment (only relevant for folks who cannot demonstrate that they are NYS residents):** an employee ID card or badge, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a pay stub.

### **Vaccination Options for ENYCH Farmers**

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#### **(1) Migrant Health Centers**

Our region's migrant health center is Hudson River Health Care (now Sun River Health). Call Elba Bizoni to make an appointment or to schedule a clinic. Offices in Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland Sullivan and Columbia County. They have been scheduling vaccination clinics at farms but they are also making appointments for their clinics. Here are their locations: [Find a Health Center - Sun River Health](#). The migrant health center is probably the best option for undocumented farm workers or for workers who are less comfortable in

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#### **(2) Other Medical Providers**

Other medical providers/clinics are offering COVID Immunizations to their patients. For example **Hudson Headwaters Health Network** [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Hudson Headwaters Health Network \(hahn.org\)](#) for north country folks has appointments available.

#### **(3) Local Pharmacies**

<https://vaccinefinder.org/>. This helps find vaccines at area pharmacies. Put in the zipcode and range and it will pull up a list of pharmacies that offer the vaccine and links to make an appointment. I found it to be accurate when I went to try to make appointments.

I found a lot of availability right now across the region. Most pharmacies will require some form of ID. Also, for most sites to register each individual will need to make an account. For example: Walgreens – Government Issued ID required. Appointments were available the next day. Farmworkers should probably also bring a letter from the farm demonstrating NYS employment (just to be safe).

**(4) NYS Vaccine Sites (lots of steps!) It is helpful if you have a computer and a printer to help register people because you need to bring forms.**

**Step 1: Determine eligibility and schedule an appointment.** New York State's online scheduling tool is the quickest way to confirm you're eligible and make an appointment. You can also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). Once you have successfully scheduled an appointment, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a barcode. You will need to bring this to your appointment. Appointments are available. In fact, I found appointments for today!

**Step 2: Complete the Vaccine Form.** *Once you have a confirmed appointment, you must complete the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Form.* This form should be filled out online and you will receive a submission ID indicating completion. You will need to bring the submission ID to your appointment. If you cannot submit the form online, it will be available at the vaccination sites.

**Step 3: Bring proof of eligibility to your appointment.** New York State residents must bring proof of identity. For minors under 18, a parent or guardian is required to identify the minor. If you are not a New York resident, you must bring proof that you work or study in New York State. You will be asked for insurance information BUT the vaccine is free and there will never be a charge to you. This information is for administrative use only.

**Step 4: If you are getting the Pfizer vaccine, your second dose appointment will be scheduled automatically when booking your first vaccine dose.** Your second appointment will be scheduled for the same time and at the same location, three weeks following your first dose. You will receive a confirmation email with details about your second dose appointment within a few days of receiving your first dose. Please keep this in mind when scheduling a first dose appointment. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires one dose.

NYS Vaccination Sites in the ENYCH Region:

Location Name	Vaccine Type	Location Address
**Washington Avenue Armory - Albany, Schenectady, Troy	Pfizer	Albany, NY
Crossgates Mall, Former Lord & Taylor Lower Level	Pfizer	Albany, NY
SUNY Orange	Pfizer	Middletown, NY
Ulster Fairgrounds in New Paltz	Pfizer	New Paltz, NY
Plattsburgh International Airport	Pfizer	Plattsburgh, NY
Queensbury Aviation Mall - Sears	Pfizer/J&J	Queensbury, NY
SUNY Rockland Community College	Pfizer	Suffern, NY

SUNY Polytechnic Institute	Pfizer	Utica, NY
Westchester County Center	Pfizer	White Plains, NY

## County Vaccination Sites

### (5) County Vaccination Sites/Health Depts

Many NYS county health departments are running immunization clinics. The availability of appointments varies greatly across the region. We have heard that in some counties the health department has come to farms to vaccinate farm workers. This will depend on the staffing at the county level and the availability of vaccines. Most of the vaccines have a # of doses per vial, so there will need to be a minimum (probably at least 10) workers that need vaccinations in order to justify holding a clinic at a site.

- Albany [Vaccine Information | Albany County, NY](#)
- Clinton [COVID19vaccine \(clintonhealth.org\)](#)
- Columbia [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Main Page - Columbia County Department of Health \(columbiacountynyhealth.com\)](#)
- Dutchess [COVID-19 Vaccine Information \(dutchessny.gov\)](#)
- Essex [Make an Appointment | Essex County Health Department](#)
- Fulton [COVID-19 | Fulton County \(fultoncountyny.gov\)](#)
- Greene [COVID-19 Vaccines in Greene County, NY - Greene Government](#)
- Montgomery [Montgomery County, NY](#)
- Orange [COVID-19 Vaccine Sign Up & Information | Orange County, NY \(orangecountygov.com\)](#)
- Putnam [COVID -19 Vaccine Information - Putnam County Online \(putnamcountyny.com\)](#)
- Rensselaer [Rensselaer County \(rensco.com\)](#)
- Saratoga [Vaccination Registration – Saratoga County New York \(saratogacountyny.gov\)](#)
- Schenectady [COVID-19 Vaccine | Schenectady County](#)
- Schoharie [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) – Schoharie County, New York \(schohariecounty-ny.gov\)](#)
- Ulster [COVID-19 Vaccination Resource Center – Ulster County COVID-19 Information \(ulstercountyny.gov\)](#)
- Warren [Warren County NY COVID-19 Business Continuity - Vaccines \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- Washington [Coronavirus Information | Washington County, NY - Official Website](#)