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Representing the 2nd District of New York

Hi Friend,

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have fought for the safety and wellbeing of Long Islanders by working with community leaders and facilitating the donation of personal protective equipment to local organizations and small businesses. The COVID-19 pandemic has not only disrupted our entire economy but continues to claim the lives of countless Americans.

I've heard from many of you with questions regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution in New York. I want to provide you all with the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccine, from what types of vaccines are available to eligibility and scheduling an appointment. For those of you who are interested in receiving additional information regularly in your inbox, please sign up for my newsletter [here](#).

As your representative in Congress, I can assure you that I am working with our local, state and federal partners to ensure that vaccine roll-out in New York is effective. However, I do want to clarify that the New York State (NYS) government oversees vaccine distribution. The federal government, through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), continues to provide states with information and guidance on vaccine distribution.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding vaccine distribution in New York, please call the NYS Department of Health hotline at 1-888-364-3065, or fill out the online form [here](#).

## **Vaccines Available**

Until recently, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and Moderna vaccine were the only two vaccines approved by the CDC to be used to protect against COVID-19. Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require two doses, to be administered 21 and 28 days apart respectively.

However, over the weekend, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted emergency use authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which is a single-dose shot and is to be delivered to states, tribes, territories, pharmacies and community health centers this week.

The CDC is also reviewing additional vaccines by AstraZeneca and Novavax to be used to fight COVID-19. While these are not available at this time, I am hopeful that more vaccines will be approved for public use in the coming weeks.

Additional information and updates about vaccines can be found on the CDC [website](#).

## Eligibility

In New York, eligible groups for the vaccine include:

- Doctors, nurses and healthcare workers
- New Yorkers aged 65 and over
- First responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers and public safety workers
- New Yorkers with comorbidities and underlying conditions

For a comprehensive list of eligible groups in New York, visit the NYS distribution [website](#).

## Vaccine Locations

The quickest way to determine eligibility and schedule appointments at State-run vaccination sites is to visit the [Am I Eligible](#) app. You can also call the NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). If you cannot submit the form online, it will be available at State-run vaccination sites.

If you are eligible, there are several different providers in New York that individuals can contact to schedule a vaccine appointment. The nearest NYS-run facilities include Jones Beach, SUNY Old Westbury, Aqueduct, and the Javits Center.

It is worth noting that the current supply of vaccines and appointment availability is very limited. However, you can rest assured that I am working with my colleagues in Congress and the current Administration to get more vaccines shipped to the Empire State and safely into the arms of New Yorkers.

## Norwell Health

- You can call the Northwell Health vaccine hotline to potentially schedule an appointment: 1-844-919-8222.
- Visit the Northwell Health [Northwell Health website](#) for updates and information on appointment availability.

## CVS

- Currently, 44 CVS stores in New York are offering appointments for vaccines. You can use their mobile app, [CVS website](#), or call 1-800-746-7287 to book an appointment.

## Walgreens

- Walgreens will also soon be offering vaccinations to New Yorkers at select locations. To create an account and check eligibility and availability for the vaccine, visit [Walgreens website](#).

For more specific information about vaccine distribution in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, visit their websites provided below.

- [Nassau County](#)
- [Suffolk County](#)

The vaccine rollout in NYS has been unacceptable, and I share in the frustration you and millions of other Americans feel regarding COVID-19 vaccine readiness. Please visit [garbarino.house.gov](http://garbarino.house.gov) to subscribe to our [e-newsletter](#), and connect with me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for updates on our fight to deliver real results for Long Island and the 2nd District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Garbarino".

**Rep. Andrew Garbarino**  
**Member of Congress**