

King County COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in Auburn and Kent: Talking Points

Key Message: Beginning February 1, 2021, King County will operate COVID-19 vaccination sites in Auburn and Kent to serve people in south King County who are 1) age 75 and older, or 2) age 50 and older who cannot live independently, or are living with and caring for their kin, or 3) a caregiver/home care worker. Each site will offer up to 500 free vaccinations each day. Additional groups will be able to schedule appointments at these sites as vaccine supply increases.

Who can get vaccinated at the Auburn and Kent vaccination sites?

These sites are serving people who live in south King County and are:

- Aged 75 and older
- Aged 50 and older AND are:
 - **unable to live independently** and receiving care from a caregiver, relative, in-home caregiver or someone who works outside the home.
 - **living with AND caring for kin.** Examples include caring for a grandchild, niece or nephew. This does not include parents living with their child.
- A caregiver or home care worker taking care of someone aged 50 or older who cannot live independently. The caregiver or home care worker is eligible as a worker in a healthcare setting and can be younger than 50.

Are appointments required?

- Yes. If you meet the eligibility criteria and would like to get vaccinated, you can make an appointment at covidvaccine.kingcounty.gov. Note: vaccine supplies are limited. If no appointments are available at the Auburn and Kent locations, please check kingcounty.gov/vaccine for other scheduling options.
- Do you need help registering by phone or with interpretation? Call **Washington state's COVID-19 Assistance Hotline** at 1-800-525-0127 and press # for help with registration by phone. For language interpretation state your preferred language when you are connected.
- Currently, both vaccine supply and appointments are limited. You may experience delays due to the very high volume of inquiries. This will get easier as providers receive more doses and high-volume vaccine sites open.

Why are these clinics only for elders and their caregivers in south King County?

- People over age 75 in King County have had much higher rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 than any other group. Sixty-five percent of the deaths from COVID-19 in King County have been in people 75 and older, compared to 18% of the deaths among people ages 65-74.
- People over age 75 have more challenges to getting vaccinated, such as transportation and online access.
- South King County has experienced the highest number of cases. Protecting older adults in that area is a priority, especially for those who live in multigenerational homes.
- While vaccine supplies are very limited, King County is ensuring equitable access for the highest-risk older adults who live in areas with the most COVID-19 cases. Additional groups will be able to get vaccinated at these sites when more vaccine is available.

What do I need to bring to my appointment?

Please bring a photo ID with your date of birth. You will not be turned away if you don't have an ID. If you have health insurance, bring a copy of your insurance card. Please wear a short-sleeved shirt or clothing with sleeves that can be rolled up.

Will I be charged anything?

You can get vaccinated at *no cost*, whether or not you have health insurance. If you are insured, you will be asked to provide your insurance information.

I am undocumented. Can I get vaccinated?

Yes. You will not be asked for any proof of citizenship or residency.

Are the vaccination sites drive-through or walk-up?

The Auburn site is a drive-through location. The Kent site is an ADA accessible walk-up location. At the Kent clinic, you will need to go from a parking lot into the ShoWare Center.

Will interpretation be available at the vaccination sites?

Yes, there will be interpretation in some languages available.

The vaccination sites are not convenient for me. How else can I get vaccinated?

- Call your doctor's office or health care provider to see if they have available vaccination appointments.
- If you don't have a health care provider or if your provider doesn't have vaccine available, use Washington State's Phase Finder online tool to find a list of vaccination locations: www.FindYourPhaseWA.org
- If you can't use the online Phase Finder tool and no one can assist you, you can get help over the phone. Call Washington State's COVID-19 Assistance Hotline: 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Available Monday-Friday: 6AM – 10PM. Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays: 8AM – 6PM. For language interpretation state your preferred language when you are connected.

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?

COVID-19 vaccines are new and it's understandable to have questions. COVID-19 vaccines were developed on a rapid timeline, but researchers have been studying the technology used to make them for decades. Additionally, thousands of people from different ages, races, ethnicities, and with different medical conditions participated in studies to make sure COVID-19 vaccines are safe for everyone. As with all vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be monitored for safety while they are in use.

Where can I get more information?

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines or would like more information about getting vaccinated in King County, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine