

COVID-19 Update

December 22: Vaccine Update and Clinical Insights Panel Today

Today's issue features an update on Northwestern Medicine vaccine distribution and availability, as well as details about the COVID-19 Clinical Insights panel taking place today from 5 to 6 pm.

VACCINE UPDATE

Interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine has been strong, with demand outpacing initial allocation from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Department of Public Health. We expect to receive additional doses from health departments later this week. Vaccination appointments will be available based on the number of doses received. Therefore, the number of appointments available may change from day to day. Please continue to regularly check the appointment schedules for available time slots.

In the coming weeks, we plan to vaccinate NM's front-line healthcare personnel and then will prioritize the remaining members of the NM workforce who want to be vaccinated. All NM physicians and employees will have the opportunity to receive the vaccine. Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we receive new and updated information from local and state health officials.

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, you must complete the enrollment form. Invitations to schedule your vaccination appointment will be sent via email as vaccine doses and time slots for administration become available. Please respond promptly to the invitation so that we can efficiently administer our allotted vaccine doses.

Tips for the COVID-19 vaccine enrollment process

- You must complete the enrollment process to be invited to schedule a vaccine. Do this by visiting nmsymptomcheck.nm.org, signing in with your NM user ID and password, and clicking on COVID-19 Vaccination Enrollment. You also can access the enrollment form through the NM Workforce app by selecting NM COVID-19 Applications.
- As more vaccine doses are received, more time slots will open across the health system.
- If your hospital of choice has no available appointments, you can select a different location and view available time slots. Remember, you must receive both doses of the vaccine at the same location.
- If you have any difficulty with the enrollment process, please contact MyNM Service Center at 312.926.HELP (4357) or mynmservicecenter@nm.org.
- Before scheduling your vaccination appointment, please read the **Before You Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine** information sheet.

For more information about the vaccine, please read the [Vaccine FAQ](#) and other vaccine information available on the [Vaccine and Treatment Resources page on Physician Forum](#) or the [Vaccine and Treatment Resources page on NM Interactive](#). For additional information about government planning efforts, visit the [Vaccines page on the CDC website](#).

Patient vaccination

NM is not scheduling any patients for vaccination at this time. To assist you in communication with patients, several resources are available:

- A new dot phrase [.covidvaccinequestions](#) is now available in Epic.
- For questions about vaccine availability at NM, please direct patients to the [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) at [nm.org/covid-19](#).
- For general questions about COVID-19 vaccines, direct patients to the [Vaccines page on the CDC website](#).

TODAY: CLINICAL INSIGHTS PANEL ON VACCINES

Today's Clinical Insights Panel, which will be held on [Microsoft Teams Live from 5 to 6 pm](#), will feature a discussion on COVID-19 vaccines. You are encouraged to submit questions prior to the session by emailing covid-19md@nm.org. This session is approved for CME credit.

Physician panel experts and topics for discussion will include:

- Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for Emergency Use Authorization with Michael Ison, MD, professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and professor of surgery in the Division of Transplant Surgery
- Pregnancy and the COVID-19 vaccines with Emily Miller, MD, MPH, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry and behavioral sciences
- Allergic reactions and the COVID-19 vaccines with Anju Tripathi Peters, MD, professor in the Department of Medicine and Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, and director of clinical research in the Division of Allergy-Immunology

To participate, [join the Microsoft Teams Live Event](#) when it's time. To claim CME credit in Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Cloud CME, text the activity code provided during the session to 312.957.8301.

This year has been one that none of us anticipated, and I remain humbled by and grateful to all of our physicians and clinicians who have worked tirelessly to face the challenges presented by this pandemic. Your unwavering dedication and collaboration in elevating the safety and quality of care across NM has been unparalleled. I am honored to work alongside each of you.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our *Patients First* mission. I wish you and your family a healthy and joyous holiday season.



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