



What phase is Gallatin County currently in?

As of April 1, 2021, Gallatin County is in the public phase of COVID-19 vaccine distribution

Who is eligible to receive the vaccine under Phase 1B?

Vaccines in this phase are available for all Gallatin County residents over the age of 16.

How do I get the vaccine?

Eligible residents in Gallatin County can schedule vaccine appointments online at <https://www.healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines/>.

What if I don't have access to the internet?

That's okay! We are happy to assist you. Please call our HRDC office in Bozeman at 406.587.4486 and we will assist you. You can also stop by our office at 32 S Tracy Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Masks are required.

Is the vaccine safe?

The Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). All are effective and considered safe for most people. If you have specific concerns, please call your primary healthcare provider. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. Safety is a top priority while federal partners work to make this and other COVID-19 vaccines available."

What about the pause of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

The CDC has lifted the temporary pause of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and is again recommending it as a safe option. In practicing an abundance of caution, the CDC paused the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to look into a very small number of cases of blood clots. A review of all of the data found that the benefits of receiving the vaccine outweigh the potential risks. This vaccine has resumed, and is deemed safe for most people.

If you have concerns or would like to know more, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/JJUpdate.html> or contact your primary care provider.

Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID?

None of the available vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. So, a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines do teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus. Sometimes this can cause short-term symptoms similar to the virus, like a fever or fatigue. But, this is normal for some people.

It's important to remember that after you've received your vaccine, it will take a few weeks for your body to build up its protection against the virus. It is possible to become infected with COVID-19 if you are exposed before you receive your vaccination or shortly after. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to build up protection. This is also why it's still important to follow all CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, even if you're vaccinated. That includes staying six feet away from others, wearing a mask, avoiding crowds and indoor areas, limiting nonessential travel, and washing your hands!

How much does the vaccine cost? What if I don't have health insurance?

For most people, the vaccine will be free. If you are receiving a vaccine through your local health department it has been purchased and paid for with U.S. taxpayer dollars and will be free.

If you are receiving the vaccine through a private vaccine provider, there may be an administrative fee. Many health insurance companies are covering the cost of the vaccine. Contact your health insurance company for details.

For uninsured patients, the CDC states that "no one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee."

I'm still a little worried about getting the vaccine. Where can I find more information?

The CDC and the Gallatin City-County Health Department are valuable places to get more information.

Information about the vaccine is available through the Gallatin City-County Health Department at <https://www.healthygallatin.org/covid-19-vaccines/>

You can find more facts about COVID-19 and the vaccine from the CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

The Biotechnology Innovation Organization has also created this site dedicated to providing facts about the COVID-19 vaccine, www.covidvaccinefacts.org/