



I. COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

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Across Fort Bragg, we continue with COVID-19 vaccination for the following groups:

- Medical personnel and first responders;
- Immediate Response Forces and contingency forces;
- Soldiers deploying within 90 days;
- Beneficiaries aged 65 and older; and
- Essential installation workers, teachers and school administration, Child and Youth Services staff, Commissary and postal office staff, and installation food service workers

We now begin vaccination of **high-risk** beneficiaries over the age of 16 at either the Fort Bragg Sports USA facility, 3-2102 Longstreet Road, Fort Bragg, NC 28310, or the Womack Hospital, 2817 Reilly Road, Fort Bragg, NC 28310. The bottom of this message contains a list of conditions that qualify beneficiaries as high-risk.

All qualified beneficiaries will receive an appointment via automated phone call. This call will provide the beneficiary with a day, time slot, and location (either Womack Hospital or Sports USA) for vaccination. If you receive such an automated phone call and are unable to attend your appointed time slot, you may receive vaccination any time on the day of your appointed time slot.

We encourage you to receive vaccination; the sooner we immunize our community against COVID-19, the sooner we can fully reopen Fort Bragg. Given the highly-contagious nature of the virus, we cannot reestablish full access until a sufficiently large body of our community reaches immunization.

We have established a COVID-19 vaccine information line, which provides updated information: 910-907-1000.



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II. QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

The below may help should you have follow-on questions:

1. If I meet the categories defined above, can I go to *either* Sports USA or Womack Hospital?

- *No; this is not an “either/or” situation. You will receive automated phone call identifying the location you are to receive vaccination.*

2. What if I cannot attend on the day of my vaccination appointment?

- *If you do not attend on the day of your appointment, you will be rolled into the following day. As a result, you will receive another automated phone call.*

3. If my appointment is at Fort Bragg’s Womack Hospital, where do I go within the hospital for vaccination?

- *Vaccinations at Womack may occur as a drive-thru in the parking lot or inside the hospital, depending on the population being immunized. Please follow signage on display at all entrances to the Womack medical campus. If inside the hospital ask for directions at any information desk upon entry into the facility.*

4. Where is Sports USA?

- *Sports USA is on Longstreet Road, building 3-2102, across the street from the Hedrick Stadium track.*

5. After I receive the first dose, when will I receive the second dose?

- *You will be contacted at some point 20 days or more after your first dose directing you on further instructions. Typically, the second vaccination is given within 21-28 days after the first.*

6. Do I receive my second vaccination at the same location as my first vaccination?

- *Not necessarily. You will receive notification for your second vaccination. This notification will direct you to a specific location.*



7. What are the side effects associated with the COVID-19 vaccination?

- *Individuals may have one or more of these known responses for up to 24 hours: sore arm, body aches, fevers, headaches, and chills. All of these conditions are easily treated with Tylenol. Redness at the injection site is also common.*

8. Which vaccine is Fort Bragg using?

- *The US Department of Defense has allocated the Pfizer vaccine to Fort Bragg.*

9. Is the Pfizer vaccine safe?

- *The US Federal Drug Administration deemed the Pfizer vaccine safe for use.*

10. Is vaccination mandatory for US Soldiers?

- *No; the vaccine is under a preliminary approval and is employed under an Emergency Use Authorization. Therefore, the vaccine is voluntary for Soldiers.*

11. When will vaccination open for all other beneficiaries, i.e. those not in a high-risk category?

- *Once high-risk beneficiaries have been vaccinated, vaccination will open for all other Soldiers and beneficiaries.*

13. What do I need to bring to receive vaccination?

- *Bring your DoD ID card to receive vaccination. Ensure you bring your previously provided COVID-19 Vaccination Card for your second dose.*

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III. CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL HIGH RISK CONDITIONS

The following conditions place a beneficiary within the category of high-risk:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease



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- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Anyone over the age of 65