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## Tennessee Ramps Up COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

*More than One Million Tennesseans Vaccinated to Date*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health is working with partners across the state to ensure continued equitable and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in the community. Vaccination appointments are currently available at county health departments in every grand division of the state.

### Protecting Tennesseans Most At Risk

Tennesseans in Phases 1a1, 1a2, 1b and 1c of Tennessee's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) and those aged 65 and older are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Tennessee continues making great progress in protecting those most at risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19:

- More than 1.3 million Tennesseans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- 17.5 percent of Tennessee's population has received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Tennessee is [ranked 12th in the nation](#) for the percentage of second doses completed

### Focus on Equity and Underserved Populations

Equity is a cross-cutting consideration of Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. To date, 8.7 percent of Black Tennesseans have been vaccinated, above the national average of 7.6 percent.

However, TDH data show uptake of the vaccines in Tennessee remains low across all racial groups, especially in rural areas. Many rural Tennessee county health departments are seeing only a fraction of their daily COVID-19 vaccination appointments filled. West Tennessee counties have only about 20 percent of their daily appointments booked. East Tennessee has about 50 percent availability, and Middle Tennessee has 80 percent of their daily appointments filled. TDH is developing a strategy to accelerate through phases of the vaccination plan while balancing vaccine supply and demand.

### Book Your Vaccination Appointment

Tennesseans may find vaccination providers in their area by visiting [VaccineFinder.org](#). Book an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination through your county health department at [COVID19.tn.gov](#).

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