

Council on Aging's COVID-19 Response

Vaccination Process for Homebound Individuals



Council on Aging (COA) is working with local health departments to bring COVID 19 vaccines to homebound individuals. COA will provide lists of homebound individuals who are eligible for vaccination to local health departments on a weekly basis.

Providers who believe their patient or client qualifies for in-home vaccination based on the eligibility guidelines below should contact Council on Aging at (513) 721-1025 to make a referral.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR HOMEBOUND VACCINATION

Due to provider capacity, in-home vaccinations will be limited to those with the greatest need. Anyone interested in receiving an in-home vaccination must contact Council on Aging to be screened for eligibility. To qualify for an in-home vaccination, an individual must:

1. Be an Ohio resident, AND
2. Meet the definition of homebound as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AND
3. Be age 60+ or have a qualifying medical condition in accordance with Ohio's COVID 19 vaccination program, AND
4. Answer YES to at least one of the following questions:
 - Does the individual find it challenging to leave the home for medical appointments, even with assistance from a family member or caregiver?
 - Is the individual bedbound and unable to transfer to a wheelchair without impeding individual safety or comfort?
 - Does the individual receive health care in their home (visiting physicians, home health, etc.)?

Depending on vaccine availability, caregivers who live in the same home may also be vaccinated.

Older adults who need assistance with COVID 19 vaccinations can contact Council on Aging at (513) 721-1025. COA's call center is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

CDC Homebound Definition:

Homebound persons include those that need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, and they typically do not leave their home. [More information.](#)