



CLAY CO PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

COVID-19

Minnesota:

- Total MN positive cases: 450,762
- Total MN Deaths: 6,011
- Total MN patients no longer needing isolation: 433,722
- Number of MN Residents who Received 1 dose of vaccine: 203,839
- Received 2 doses of vaccine: 41,984

Clay County:

- Clay County positive cases: 6,546
- Clay County Deaths: 81
- Received 1 dose of Vaccine: 1,334
- Received 2 doses of Vaccine: 190
- 14-day Case Rate (12/27-1/09): 36.15
- Document located [HERE](#)

When and Where Do I Get My Vaccine???

Current vaccine availability is based on state health department guidelines. In Minnesota,

- **Your healthcare system.** If you are a patient of a healthcare system registered to be a vaccine provider, such as Sanford or Essentia, you will receive notifications from them. If you do not have a healthcare system, you may be vaccinated by public health in future phases of the vaccination process. This process will take a while. Please be patient.
- **Clay County Public Health** is vaccinating eligible individuals according to guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Public Health (see below)
- Some individuals are eligible to participate in the recently announced vaccination **pilot sites** (see below)
- Pharmacies are currently only providing vaccines to individuals living in congregate care settings

Covid-19 Vaccine—Clay County Public Health:

Clay County Public Health receives weekly shipments of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). All doses allocated to public health are administered quickly and to eligible individuals in Phase 1a, following guidance from MDH.

Clay County Public Health has partnered with a local clinic to store the ultra-cold Pfizer vaccine. The clinic will assist public health in administering vaccinations to eligible individuals in Phase 1a. This partnership was made possible through a regional healthcare preparedness coalition.

Phase 1a includes healthcare workers and emergency medical staff. Eligible individuals are notified by their employer. More information will be provided as public health moves toward Phase 1b.

Please keep an eye out for notifications from you healthcare provider. As a patient, you may receive notifications about when you can receive a vaccine. Notifications may be sent through email, text, phone call, letter, or your healthcare system’s app. Healthcare systems are asking the public not to call them, and instead read these notifications. When you are eligible for a vaccine, you will be notified.

Earlier this week, Governor Walz announced 9 pilot sites across Minnesota to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals age 65 years and older as well as early childhood-to-12th grade educators and childcare workers. **Clay County does not have pilot site.** The purpose of this pilot program is to serve as the foundation of future mass vaccinations once the federal government increases vaccine supply. The pilot sites have a limited number of appointments available with no walk-ins. Fergus Falls and Thief River Falls are the nearest cities to Clay County which host a pilot vaccination site.

- **Clay County residents who are 65+ years** may register for a vaccine at a pilot site or placed on a waitlist by visiting <https://mn.gov/covid19/> under “Find My Vaccine” or by calling 612-426-7230 or toll free at 833-431-2053. There is a separate waitlist for each vaccination site, and they are cleared each week before new appointments are made available (every Tuesday at noon). Individuals who are on a waitlist and are not called for an appointment must register for a new appointment or waitlist for the following week if they were unable to get a vaccine.
- Clay County residents who are early childhood-to-12th grade educators or childcare workers will be notified by their employer if they have been selected to receive a vaccine at a pilot site. **Educators and childcare workers should not attempt to make an appointment.** Due to limited vaccine supply, educators are prioritized based on face-to-face interaction with children and childcare providers will use a random selection process