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## **No-cost VA flu shots for eligible Veterans**

### **Flu Shots**

Getting a flu shot protects you, your family, and your community from flu. And if you need, you now can safely get vaccinated for COVID at the same time you get a flu shot – one visit, two vaccines. (Call ahead to make sure COVID vaccine available).

### **Where to Find a Flu Shot Near You**

Eligible Veterans can get a no-cost flu shot from a nearby VA clinic or within your community from one of nearly 65,000 in-network pharmacies or urgent care locations. Flu vaccines are usually available September through April. Use our on-line [VA locator](#).

Keep in mind:

- To get a no-cost vaccine, the provider must be part of VA's community care network.
- If you receive a flu shot from a non-network provider, you may be liable for the cost of the vaccine.
- Retail pharmacies include most supermarket and local pharmacies.
- Many urgent care locations offer walk-in care.
- Call ahead to see if a pharmacy or urgent care site:
  - participates in the VA flu shot program.
  - offers the specific flu vaccine that you want.

### **Eligibility**

You are eligible to receive a no-cost flu shot at an in-network retail pharmacy or urgent care location if:

- You are enrolled in the VA health care system, AND,

- You received care from a VA provider or an in-network community care provider within the past 24 months.

How do I know if I am eligible?

- Call 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) Select option 1 (urgent care information) Select option 3 (urgent care information) Select option 1 (check urgent care eligibility) The system will verify your eligibility for the community urgent care benefit, which includes the flu vaccination.
- Or call your [local VA facility](#)
- Your state may have age and health-related restrictions.

**NOTE: Family members and beneficiaries are not eligible.**

### **Find a No-cost Flu Shot Near You**

To find a VA medical facility, in-network urgent care or retail pharmacy near you, use our [VA locator](#) and:

- Enter the city, state, or postal ZIP code for your location
- Choose a Facility Type from the drop down menu
- Select VA health for VA medical center locations
- Select Urgent Care, for “All in-network urgent care”
- Select Community pharmacies (in VA’s network)
- Click search
- Choose a provider

### **Visiting the location/provider**

There is no cost or copay to you if your visit is only for a flu shot. For assistance with in-network community flu shots, call 877-881-7618 or your [local VA medical facility](#).

Before you go:

- Call to ensure the urgent care provider or retail pharmacy offers the no-cost flu shot to Veterans
- Ask about the vaccine type you are seeking (some flu vaccines are for people aged 65 and older).
- Bring the billing information located [here](#) (print it or take a screenshot on your phone)

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When you arrive:

- Tell the provider you are a Veteran enrolled in VA health care.
- Tell them you would like to receive the flu shot paid for by VA.
- Show your government-issued ID and the billing information located here. (Pull up this page when you're getting your flu shot.) Updating My Medical Record

### **Updating my medical record**

The community provider will send your flu shot information to VA. VA will update your medical record. You can also request a copy of your flu shot record and provide it to your VA provider.

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