

COVID-19 vaccination clinics planned for the next several days in New Bedford , some canceled

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are planned for the next several days in New Bedford. No appointment is needed at these walk-up clinics. Available vaccines can change according to supplies.

Upcoming New Bedford Vaccination Clinics

Friday, October 15:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J
- Fire Station 8 (1599 Acushnet Ave.) – 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Saturday, October 16:

- Riverside Park (North End) – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Sunday, October 17:

- Riverside Park (North End) – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pfizer and J&J
- Fire Station 8 (1599 Acushnet Ave.) – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Monday, October 18:

- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Tuesday, October 19:

- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., J&J
- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (874 Purchase St.)
– 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

Friday, October 22:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J

Important: Clinic Cancellations

Friday, October 15:

- New Bedford High School (230 Hathaway Blvd.) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19:

- Normandin Middle School (81 Felton St.) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20:

- Keith Middle School (225 Hathaway Blvd) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 21:

- Roosevelt Middle School (119 Frederick St.) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, October 22:

New Bedford High School (230 Hathaway Blvd.) – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or in-person at the school)

Background on Cancellations: Earlier this week, state health officials withdrew state support for certain COVID-19 vaccination clinics in New Bedford, and elsewhere in the

region. Therefore, effective immediately, clinics that had been scheduled as part of the state's Block-by-Block vaccination initiative, as well as clinics at New Bedford Public Schools, are cancelled.

Clinics at four City public schools—Normandin Middle School, Keith Middle School, Roosevelt Middle School, and New Bedford High School—that had been planned for October and November will no longer take place. The City of New Bedford Health Department and New Bedford Public Schools are exploring other options for reestablishing school-based clinics.

The changes mean that outside of vaccine access through health providers and participating pharmacies, limited vaccination clinics remain in the city.

Reminder on the importance of vaccinations, especially ahead of the holidays: Vaccination levels in the region remain low, and daily case rates remain high. Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not only about protecting yourself – it's also about protecting your family, friends, and community. This week's state withdrawal of support for local clinics comes at pivotal time ahead of the holiday season, when large family gatherings could lead to super-spreader events, without vaccinations.

For people who are unvaccinated and want to have a safe holiday season with loved ones, the coming week is a great time to start, and be fully vaccinated by Thanksgiving.

City leaders and health officials are urging unvaccinated residents to get their first shot by Monday, Oct. 18, to have safe and healthy holidays. People who get their first shot of the Pfizer vaccine by Oct. 18 can be fully vaccinated by the week of Nov. 22, including three weeks between shots and two weeks after the second shot.