

# **Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway drawing dates announced, prizes include five \$1 Million Winners; five college scholarships**

Today, the Baker-Polito Administration and the Massachusetts State Lottery reminded the public that registration for the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway will begin on July 1 and also announced the schedule of drawing dates.

Residents age 18 and older who are fully vaccinated prior to each drawing will have the opportunity to enter to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Residents between 12-17 years of age who are fully vaccinated prior to each drawing may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

An entry before one of the weekly entry deadlines makes you eligible for all of the weekly drawings that take place after you register. Residents are reminded that they have time to get vaccinated and then enter the drawings.

VaxMillions Giveaway Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning Monday, July 26 and continuing every Monday through August 23. The first drawing for the giveaway will occur on Monday, July 26, with registration for that week's drawing closing on Thursday, July 22. Winners will be announced later in the week following each drawing. The full schedule of drawing and announcement dates is below. Residents are reminded that some COVID-19 vaccines require two doses, and they must receive all doses before entering the drawing.

<b>Registration Deadline</b> Note: Two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of J&J must be completed by the date below.	<b>How many drawings do I qualify for?</b>	<b>Drawing Date</b>	<b>Announcement Date</b>	<b>Get your first dose by:</b> Note, second doses must be completed by the date that registration closes.
July 22	All 5	July 26	July 29	Moderna: June 24 Pfizer: July 1 J&J: July 22 (no second dose required)
July 29	Next 4	August 2	August 5	Moderna: July 1 Pfizer: July 8 J&J: July 29 (no second dose required)
August 5	Next 3	August 9	August 12	Moderna: July 8 Pfizer: July 15 J&J: August 5 (no second dose required)
August 12	Next 2	August 16	August 19	Moderna: July 15 Pfizer: July 22 J&J: August 12 (no second dose required)
August 19	Only final	August 23	August 26	Moderna: July 22 Pfizer: July 29 J&J: August 19 (no second dose required)

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Residents must be fully vaccinated before registering, but if they are not vaccinated by the registration date for a certain drawing, they will still have the opportunity to complete vaccination and register for subsequent drawings. Residents will only have to enter once to qualify for all drawings occurring after the date of their registration.

Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes.

Massachusetts residents between 12 and 17 years of age who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529 College Savings Plan managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Funds in a 529 plan can be applied to cover tuition, room and board, and related expenses at any college, university, or technical or trade

school or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Winners with a qualifying disability may elect instead to receive an equivalent financial contribution to a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account to cover qualified expenses.

The Commonwealth launched the Massachusetts VaxMillions giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage residents to get vaccinated to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. A call center will be available to support registration for residents who do not have access to the internet or require assistance. Sign up information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.

Only lawful, permanent residents of Massachusetts who are fully vaccinated can enter the drawings. Residents must have received their vaccine doses within Massachusetts. Residents must be fully vaccinated prior to submitting their entry.

There are over 900 vaccination locations across the Commonwealth, with appointments and walk ins widely available. Residents seeking a vaccine can visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine) to find a vaccine location that is convenient for them.

For more information on the Mass VaxMillions Giveaway, visit [mass.gov/VaxMillions](https://mass.gov/VaxMillions).