



COVID-19 Vaccines



All Alaskans 16+ are eligible for vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective:

COVID-19 vaccines protect effectively against death or hospitalization caused by COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe:

Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under intense safety monitoring.

Vaccines provide individual and community protection:

Vaccines will help end the pandemic by immunizing enough Alaskans so we can live life like before COVID-19.



General side effects

It is normal to experience mild side effects 1-2 days after vaccination. Your medical provider can recommend over the counter options to address pain or discomfort you may experience *after* getting a vaccine.





Benefits of being fully vaccinated

- > Highly effective at preventing cases, hospitalizations, and deaths
- ➤ No COVID-19 --> no long-COVID
- > Some people with long COVID report feeling better after vaccination
- More robust immunity than through natural infection
- > No need to quarantine or test if you are a close contact to a case
- > Vaccine is free, getting COVID-19 can be costly
- Can safely interact with others fully vaccinated
- ➤ Can travel without testing
- >Less masking



What is Sleeves up for Summer?

Statewide campaign to build excitement around the coming of summer, a robust economy, productive workplaces and businesses, and a successful tourism season.

Supporting this effort by increasing access to and excitement around COVID-19 vaccine in May.

Coordination between the State, local governments, businesses, and community leaders

New, fresh narrative:

- Community-focused, full of hope, clear benefits
- Messages from trusted leaders within each community
- Forward thinking, looking to the future



Governor's Campaign Announcement



History will show that Alaska protected its most vulnerable during this pandemic.

We didn't wring our hands. We rolled up our sleeves and we got to work.

I'm getting the vaccine because I want to help Alaska businesses get back to work and I want to do the things we all love.

If you're willing, we hope you'll join us.

Sleeve's up for Summer. Let's get Alaska up and running.



Benefits of the May campaign

- Restore Economy. Healthy, protected Alaskans are our fastest and safest way to restore our economy. Vaccination helps us get up and running.
- ➤ **Support communities**. By promoting vaccination, we protect those who cannot get vaccinated, including our children. Vaccination supports our businesses, schools, youth and community activities.
- ➤ **Promote Health and Wellbeing of Alaskans.** Alaskans are ready to enjoy the summer, travel, fish, hunt, and gather with family and friends.







Who is our audience?

- > Alaskans who haven't yet been vaccinated but are open to receiving the vaccine.
- Recent Alaska survey on vaccination found that 26% of Alaskans not currently vaccinated reported that they definitely or probably plan to get vaccinated, while 22% were unsure.
- ➤ Some Alaskans:
 - Don't know they are eligible.
 - Have not been able to find time to get vaccinated yet.
 - Don't know where and when they can get vaccinated or need more information.
 - Lack transportation.
 - Have questions or want to discuss the vaccine with their health care provider.
 - Have not prioritized the vaccine and want to wait.



Celebrate business and community

- Community leaders and business owners are our trusted messengers.
- > Bring business opportunities to vaccine sites and vaccines to businesses or community events (food truck events, concerts, business celebrations).
- State and communities are exploring incentives.
- ➤ Celebrate Alaskans, businesses, families and our communities as we look ahead to a bright summer and future.

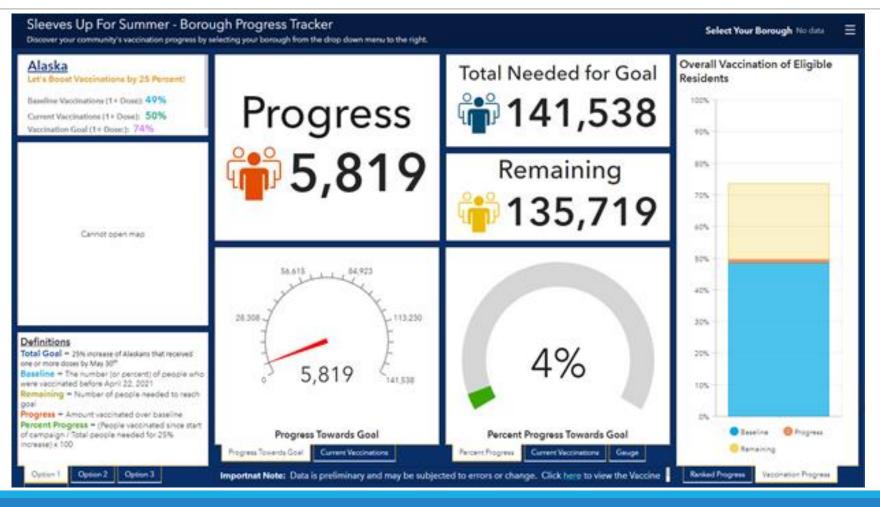


When & Where?

- When: May 2021
- > Where: Statewide all communities & businesses are encouraged to join!
- ➤ Goal: Increase vaccination rates by as much as 25% within each community and statewide among Alaskans 16+. This will prepare Alaska for summer and June when the vaccine will be available to travelers to Alaska.
- ➤ We can do this! Statewide, 50% of eligible Alaskans 16 years and older protected against COVID-19 with at least one dose of the vaccine. Rural regions are immunizing residents at the fastest rates, with five boroughs with rates at or above 70%.

Sleeves up for Summer Progress Tracking Dashboard!







Sleeves Up for Summer Toolkit

Sleeves Up for Summer

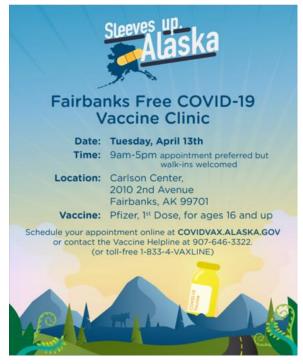


http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/vaccinetoolkit.aspx



Promotion Assistance









- > print ads
- digital advertising
- printed materials
- > PSAs radio/video

- Location: Carlson Center 2010 2nd Ave Feirbanks, AK 99701.
- Date: Tuesday April 13th
- Time: 9am-5pm
- Vaccine: Pfizer (for anyone age 16 and up)

Schedule your appointment online at http://covidvax.alanka.gov.or.confact the Vaccine Helpline for assistance at 907-646-3322.



Presentations

- It's common for people to have questions about the vaccines and how they work.
- A team of healthcare professionals is currently working to present about vaccines in community settings upon request (e.g. workplace, faith group, etc.)
- Fill out this form to request a presentation.



How to make an appointment

- http://covidvax.alaska.gov
- 907-646-3322
- Toll free: 1-833-4-VAXLINE (1-833-482-9546)

Need an interpreter or transportation?
 Ask for a language interpreter or transportation or other assistance when you call.
 If you're ready, we're here to help you get vaccinated!





Questions?