

October 1st, 2021



Out of abundance of caution, the Medical Center is screening all guests before providing entrance into the facility. To ensure our team is able to address your needs; we kindly ask to be as forthcoming as possible regarding your visit and provide all symptoms you may be experiencing.

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for the following Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago:

- 65 years and older
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- 18+ who live in high-risk settings

Occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include front line essential workers and health care workers as previously detailed by the CDC*

- First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
- Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
- Food and agriculture workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Corrections workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

*List could be updated in the future

IN OTHER NEWS:

Pfizer announced Monday that data from recent trials suggests that children 5-11 have a safe and effective response to its Covid-19 vaccine. The news holds the hope to herald a new phase in our battle to end the public health crisis caused by the coronavirus in the United States. While all the usual caveats still apply (namely, Pfizer's data has not yet been subject to peer review or public scrutiny; the primary endpoint reported today suggests immunity but does not prove it), a path toward that end certainly feels closer than it did before.

FLU SEASON: What's New for 2021-2022

A few things are different for the 2021-2022 influenza (flu) season, including:

- Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older, with [few exceptions](#).
- The [composition of flu vaccines](#) has been updated.
- All flu vaccines will be quadrivalent (four component), meaning designed to protect against four different flu viruses. For more information: [Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine | CDC](#).
- Licensure on one flu vaccine has changed. Flucelvax Quadrivalent is now approved for people 2 years and older.
- Flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines can be given at [the same time](#).
- More detailed guidance about the recommended timing of flu vaccination for some groups of people is available.
- Guidance concerning contraindications and precautions for the use of two flu vaccines – Flucevax Quadrivalent and Flublok Quadrivalent – were updated.

The Medical Center will be hosting a Flu Vaccination “*Drive Through*” on the Lab side of the facility the following dates:

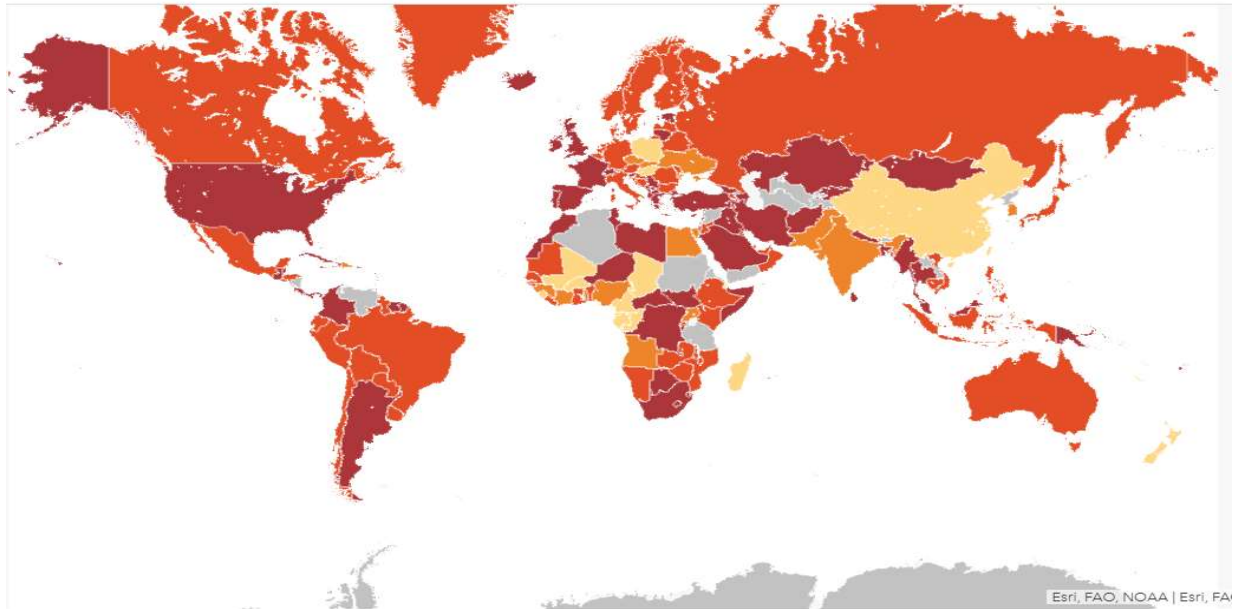
- 10/5/21: 9-11 am and 1:30-4 pm
- 10/7/21: 9-11 am and 1:30-4 pm.

The Medical Center recommends a 2 week separation between receiving a COVID and FLU vaccination.

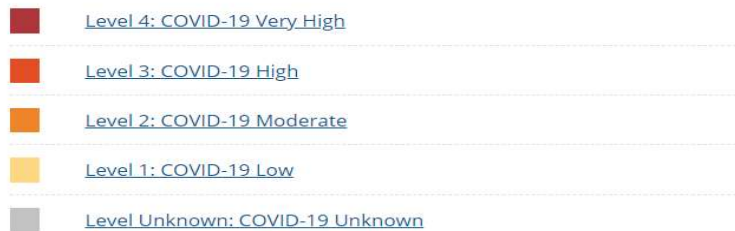
The links below provides an abundance of tracking information you may find of interest:

- <https://usafacts.org/visualizations/covid-vaccine-tracker-states/state/florida>
- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine-tracker>
- <https://www.axios.com/pfizer-covid-vaccine-boosters-fda-approval-69ff9870-5e9a-4099-98ff-24085091cc7f.html>
- <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2020/health/coronavirus-questions-answers/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm>

COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination



Risk Assessment Level for COVID-19



RESOURCE

Additional information, links to community and local resources, MCOR's updated COVID-19 tracking grid and more is available at:

WWW.MCOR.ORG