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More opportunities to get vaccinated this Memorial Day weekend!

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, mark the unofficial start of summer this weekend by getting your shot!

There are plenty of walk-in opportunities throughout the weekend, including at some special events. On Saturday, you can get vaccinated at the [Burlington Farmers Market](#). The clinic will offer the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine for anyone 18 and older from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 345 Pine St.

[Thunder Road](#) is also hosting a walk-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Sunday as part of the Mekkelsen RV Memorial Day Classic. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available in the main parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 61 Fisher Road in Barre.

There will also be opportunities at the [Orleans County Fair](#)'s truck pull on Saturday or the concert on Sunday. Get more info and find a clinic near you for a fast and easy vaccine shot at [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine!](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine)

But this Memorial Day weekend, as we pause to remember those who gave their lives, let's also take time together to enjoy all those things we once again can do, thanks to the vaccine.

Remember, being fully vaccinated means returning to the activities you looked forward to before the pandemic – getting together with friends and family, having a cookout, going to a farmers market, traveling, and more. We can enjoy these activities safely once again. Learn more from the CDC about [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#).

And for anyone looking for summer safety tips, we still have plenty to share! From hot weather and sun safety to insects and water safety, you can find it at healthvermont.gov/summer-safety-tips.

Find a vaccine clinic near you

Progress toward Step 4 vaccination goal can now be found on Vermont Forward website

Vermont's progress toward the 80% vaccination goal can now be found at [Vermont.gov/vermont-forward](https://vermont.gov/vermont-forward). Governor Phil Scott announced last week that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted once 80% of the eligible population has received at least one dose of vaccine.

Vermont Forward is the state's plan for a phased return to unrestricted travel, business operations, and event gatherings. The Plan uses vaccination milestones to ensure a safe easing of personal restrictions and continued reopening of the state's economy

The benchmark percentages draw on state-level data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which includes some data not reported to the Vermont Department of Health. CDC data is more inclusive - but less detailed - than Vermont Department of Health data. As a result, CDC statewide estimates of vaccination rates may differ from those reported in the Department of Health's [Vaccine Dashboard](#).

Find Health Department vaccine data, including vaccination rates by county, age, sex, race and ethnicity, at the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

Visit Vermont Forward

Got Pfizer or Moderna? Be sure to get your second dose!

Thank you, Vermonters for getting vaccinated! If you do get a shot that requires two doses (Pfizer or Moderna), be sure to complete your vaccination by getting that second dose.

Getting both doses gives you the highest level of protection from COVID-19, and being fully vaccinated offers better protection against variants of the virus.

Visit healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine to see the many easy and convenient options for getting your first or final vaccination. And be sure to bring your vaccination card with you when you get your second dose.

Find a vaccine clinic near you

New COVID-19 cases continue trend of low rates

New COVID-19 case reports have been trending down - ranging from single digits to low 50s - which highlights the incredible progress Vermont has made in reducing the spread of virus.

A solid combination of prevention efforts by Vermonters, the state's contact tracing and outbreak investigations, and the high percentage of people stepping up and getting vaccinated, all helped to drive down the amount of virus in the state.

These cases are not just numbers. What was once a daily case count in the hundreds represents loved ones, friends, family and neighbors who were ill, hospitalized or in the ICU, and tragically, the 255 people whose death was related to the virus. Even among those who had only minor or no symptoms, all those cases meant more virus easily spreading throughout our communities

Vermont is on the cusp of bringing case counts even lower. Everyone is encouraged to practice good health habits, call their health care provider if not feeling well, and to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible.

Visit the Vermont Data Dashboard

Weekend Emergency Medical Service walk-in clinics vaccinate hundreds

Last weekend, nearly 30 EMS sites vaccinated more than 725 Vermonters against COVID-19

As part of EMS week, stations around Vermont opened their doors to visitors and anyone ages 18 and older who wanted to walk-in and receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, no appointment needed.

As a bonus, people who get their shot also got a coupon for a free creemee, courtesy of Vermont Dairy Farmers and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets!

If you have not yet been vaccinated, it's never been easier to get your shot!

Visit healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine where everyone age 12 and older can find the schedule for daily walk-in clinics, make an appointment, or find other convenient options for getting vaccinated. People can also call 855-722-7878.

Even if you've already been vaccinated, you can still help move us to life after COVID-19: [Talk to friends and family about getting their shot](#), offer someone a ride, help them find a vaccination site, or help them find their reason to get vaccinated.

Employers can consider offering an incentive to employees, giving time off so they can get their vaccines, or by [asking us to bring the vaccine to your worksite](#).

Learn more about vaccine clinics

Additional resources about vaccination & more

- Find answers to your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from the CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.
- Get Vermont-specific information in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Find information sheets, posters and toolkits, as well as translated materials on our [Resources web page](#).

Visit the Resources webpage

New on healthvermont.gov

Vermont Forward Vaccination Data

This data is used to measure progress toward the Vermont Forward goal of 80% of eligible Vermonters

vaccinated, when COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. Data is reported by the CDC and adjusted for duplicate reporting.

From [Vermont Forward](#) as of May 27, 2021:

- **77.6%** of eligible Vermonters (12+) with at least one dose of vaccine.
- **13,474** Vermonters needed to reach goal

NOTE: Data will not be updated next until Tuesday, June 1, due to the CDC’s reporting schedule and the need to adjust data accordingly.



Find Health Department vaccine data, including vaccination rates by county, age, sex, race and ethnicity, at the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#).

Visit [COVID-19 Current Activity](#) for up-to-date information on COVID-19 positive cases across Vermont.

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