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Instructions and Clues on how to get a Covid-19 Vaccine in the State of Oklahoma

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As of January 28, 2021
**(this may change as more vaccine is available and it is available to independent
pharmacies, doctor's offices, etc.)**

NOTE: This is my experience and recommendations. Nothing is guaranteed!

As of January 28, 2021, if you don't already have other information about how you can get the vaccine, you can use the state's vaccine appointment portal. You must first sign up at vaccinate.oklahoma.gov to be able to search for an appointment. If you are not yet eligible to get an appointment (i.e., your priority has not yet been authorized for getting the vaccine), you will get an email that will tell you which group you are in. You should get an email later telling you when your group is eligible to get the vaccine, at which time you can search for an appointment.

If you are now eligible, you will be directed to a web site to make the appointment (if one is available!), but will also get an email giving you a hyperlink to use to get back to the web site to search for an appointment. The second email was taking some time to arrive around January 12 - that may have been fixed (or not).

Some hopefully helpful information:

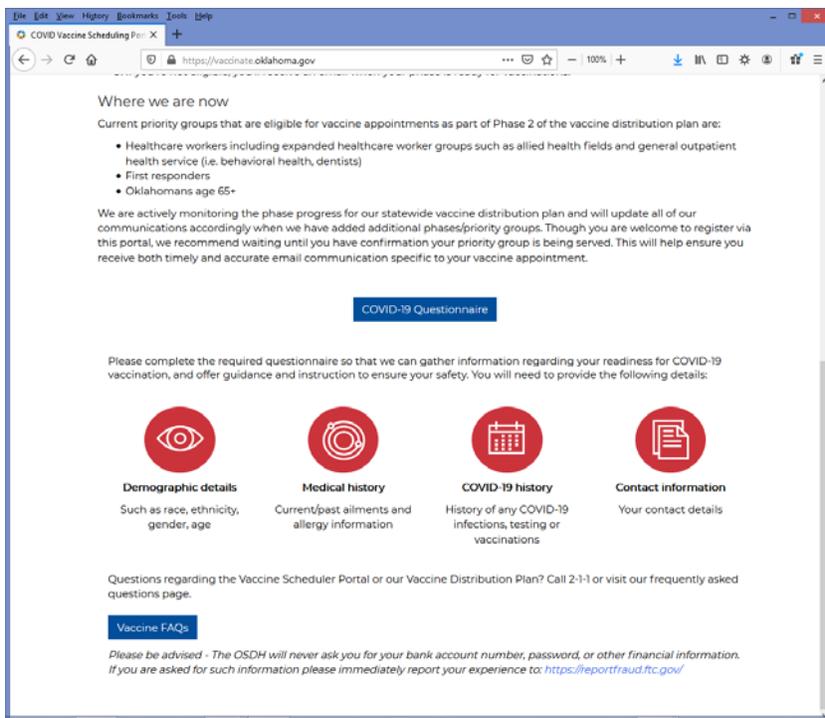
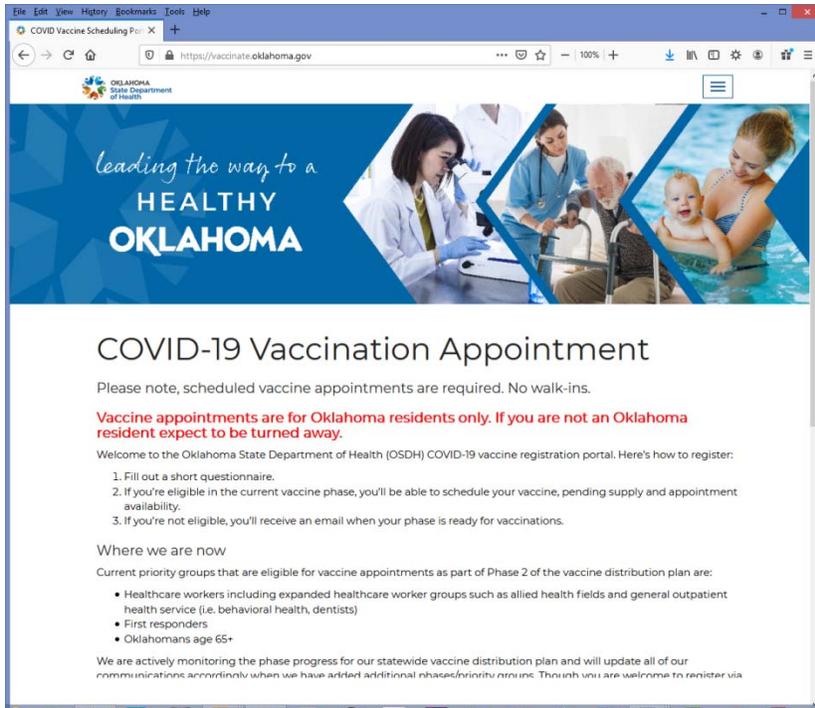
- You **WILL NOT** receive an email when appointments are available. You will only receive an email that either tells you you're not eligible yet, or one that tells you that you are eligible, and includes a hyperlink to get to the web site to attempt to schedule an appointment. You have to keep checking the web site until you find and make an appointment.
 - **HOWEVER** - a private citizen with specialized IT knowledge has created a web site that is currently available to the public which will send you a text or email when appointments become available, in a radius around your address that matches your choice of 25, 50, 100 or more miles. It may not be perfect (it doesn't tell you **WHEN** the appointments are, only where), but it is much better than continuously checking the web site until you find a location that has appointments. The web site is vaccine-alerts.com. If the owner opens up his GoFundMe project to provide funding again, please consider giving if you can, as he is covering the costs himself, which I'm sure will be much higher if more people start using it.
- **Timing of Appointments Appearing:**
 - A representative of the Oklahoma State Department of Health stated on January 12, 2021 in an AARP virtual town hall that the State Department of Health gets told by the federal government how many doses it will get that week on **Tuesdays**. They determine how many doses to give each location, and notify the locations, on **Wednesday**. Then the individual locations (or maybe the county health departments) enter and upload the

appointments to the web site. How long it takes to upload that information to the web site depends on many things; my guess is that some of those include how many appointments they have to enter (it appears they may be entered individually), how many people they have to enter the appointments, and how well the web site is behaving (is it giving them problems or not).

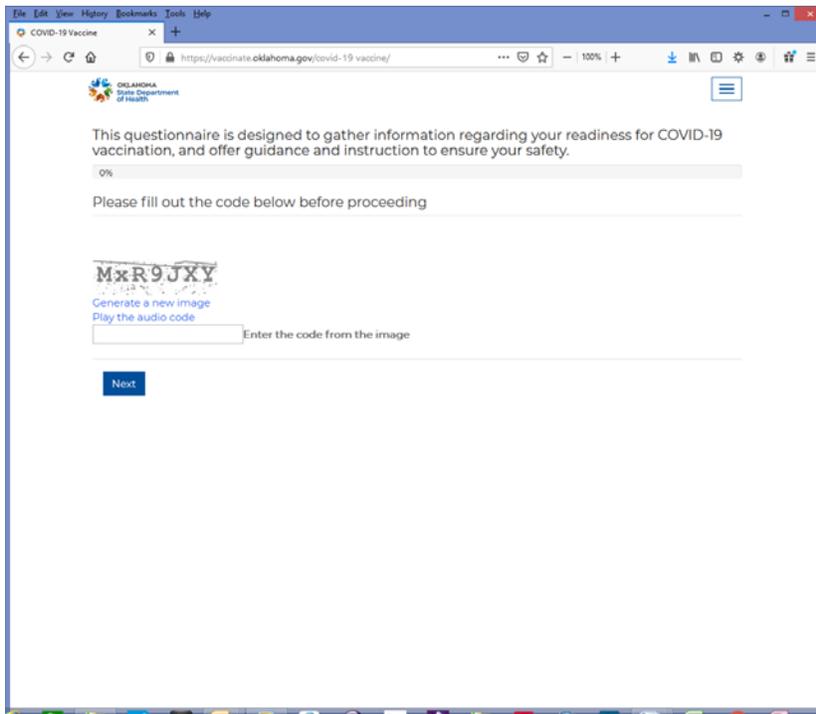
- **So the recommendation is to check Wednesdays after 5:00 p.m. through Thursday as the most likely time to find an open appointment.**
 - This may change as larger amounts of vaccine are received.
 - Vaccine may be received at other times and appointments uploaded at other times.
 - Your mileage may vary - you may very well be able to find an appointment at other times. Or not. Good luck!
 - I heard on TV in early January that all available appointments earlier were taken within 30 minutes. **So you might want to check every 15 minutes or so during the likely time.**
- **Indications that a location has appointments available:**
 - It **APPEARS** that if the location is listed with the words "No available booking slots at this location" that there are no available appointments at that location, and that if an address is listed in place of those words, there **MAY** be available appointments at that location.
 - **HOWEVER** - my experience was that I got frustrated that no appointments had appeared near me Wednesday, January 13 after 5:00 p.m. through 1:20 a.m. Thursday morning January 14, or 8:20 a.m. Thursday morning through about 2:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon. So I clicked on the first location near me that said "No available booking slots at this location." **THERE WERE AT LEAST 3 APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE** (and I expect a LOT more, although I was using a cell phone and decided to not spend my time looking, but booking!).
 - Looking into each "No available booking slots at this location" listing would be very time consuming, as you are taken back to the search page and required to re-start the search each time you click on the name of a location. Sorry ... I'm glad I got the vaccine slot, but it's going to make it much more time consuming to get a slot if you have to keep checking each one that tells you it doesn't have any. I might do this **ONLY** for the one or ones closest to me.
- You **WILL NOT** receive an email when appointments are available. You have to keep checking the web site.
- Each person must be signed up on the web site individually - you cannot get multiple appointments using one sign-up.

How to Sign Up to be Eligible to Get an Appointment:

Navigate to vaccinate.oklahoma.gov.



Click on the blue "Covid-19 Questionnaire" button near the middle of the page. The blue button with "Vaccine FAQ's" has videos of signing up for the vaccine (30+ minutes) and looking for appointments (4 minutes).



Tell the web site you are not a robot by typing the characters in the photo into the text box. You can also ask it to play the audio code, or ask it to generate a new code that you may be more likely to be able to read. (The web site does not appear to care if the letter is entered as a capital letter or not.)

There are six pages of questions, which appear to follow the Oklahoma vaccine eligibility phases. Answer the questions for each screen for your situation, then press the Next button.

The sample questionnaire presented below left all questions possible at the default, if there was a default. You should choose the answers that reflect YOUR individual situation, not those reflected below.

First page of questionnaire:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/covid-19-vaccine/?step=1>. The page header includes the Oklahoma State Department of Health logo. The main text reads: "This questionnaire is designed to gather information regarding your readiness for COVID-19 vaccination, and offer guidance and instruction to ensure your safety." Below this is a progress bar showing 12% completion. The questionnaire contains four questions, each with a "No" (selected) and "Yes" radio button option:

- Are you a Long Term Care worker or resident, who is not served by the federal LTC Pharmacy Partnership Program?
 No Yes
- Are you a health care worker providing direct inpatient COVID care?
 No Yes
- Are you a public health worker conducting front line COVID-19 pandemic mitigation and control activities?
 No Yes
- Are you an Oklahoma, state licensed, Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic?
 No Yes

A "Next" button is located at the bottom left of the questionnaire area.

Second page of questionnaire:

The screenshot shows the second page of the questionnaire, with the URL <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/covid-19-vaccine/?step=2>. The progress bar now shows 25% completion. The main text is identical to the first page. The questionnaire contains seven questions, each with a "No" (selected) and "Yes" radio button option:

- Are you a first responder, either paid or volunteer?
 No Yes
- Are you a health care worker providing direct, COVID outpatient care or a funeral home worker handling deceased COVID patients?
 No Yes
- Are you an adult age 65 and older?
 No Yes
- Are you an adult of any age with comorbidities?
 No Yes
- Are you a teacher or other worker in Pre-K-12 schools or educational settings?
 No Yes
- Are you a worker or resident in a congregate location or worksite such as a homeless shelter, non-federal prisons/jails, manufacturing facilities critical to the maintenance of the food supply, or public transit systems?
 No Yes
- Are you a public health worker supporting front line efforts; or a senior state, county, or city government leader or elected official?
 No Yes

At the bottom left, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Next".

Third page of questionnaire:

OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

This questionnaire is designed to gather information regarding your readiness for COVID-19 vaccination, and offer guidance and instruction to ensure your safety.

37%

Are you a teacher, or a student age 16 and older, or a resident or administrative staff in an educational setting such as pre-K-12 schools, child care facilities, early childhood facilities, colleges, universities, career/vocational technology centers, or other post-secondary institution?

No Yes

Are you a critical infrastructure worker in an "essential business/industry" as specified in the Governor's 3rd executive order, and found at <https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/covid19/documents/vaccine/Oklahoma%20Essential%20Industries%20List%20-%201-8-21.pdf>?

No Yes

Are you an Oklahoma resident, age 16 and older? *

Yes

Previous Next

Fourth page of questionnaire:

OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

This questionnaire is designed to gather information regarding your readiness for COVID-19 vaccination, and offer guidance and instruction to ensure your safety.

50%

Are you allergic to eggs?

No Yes

Have you had any severe reaction to a vaccine before?

No Yes

Have you been administered any vaccination in the last 14 days?

No Yes

Are you pregnant or breastfeeding? *

No

Do you have any of the following medical conditions? Please check all that apply

- Asthma
- Cancers
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Diabetes
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Heart Disease
- High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)
- Chronic Liver Disease
- Suppressed Immune System
- Obesity

Previous Next

Fifth page of questionnaire:

COVID-19 Vaccine

OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

This questionnaire is designed to gather information regarding your readiness for COVID-19 vaccination, and offer guidance and instruction to ensure your safety.

62%

Have you recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are you currently under isolation?
 No Yes

Has a physician or medical provider indicated NOT to receive this vaccine?
 No Yes

Will this be your first COVID-19 vaccine dose? *
 No Yes

Previous Next

Sixth page of questionnaire (top part):

COVID-19 Vaccine

OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

This questionnaire is designed to gather information regarding your readiness for COVID-19 vaccination, and offer guidance and instruction to ensure your safety.

75%

Resident Information Collection

First Name *	Middle Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name *	Phone Number *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email Address *	Confirm Email Address *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sex *	Please describe your ethnicity *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Race *	If other race, please specify
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address (search for and select or manually enter your address) *	City *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1 *	Apartment, Suite, Unit Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
County *	State/Province *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Sixth page of questionnaire (bottom part):

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/covid-19-vaccine/?step=6>. The page contains the following fields:

- County* (text input)
- State/Province* (dropdown menu)
- Country* (text input)
- Postal Code* (text input)
- Please provide your date of birth:
 - Month* (dropdown menu)
 - Day* (dropdown menu)
 - Year* (text input)
- Source of Insurance:
 - Insurance (dropdown menu)
 - Name of Insurance (text input)
 - Group Number (text input)
 - ID Number (text input)

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Previous" and "Next".

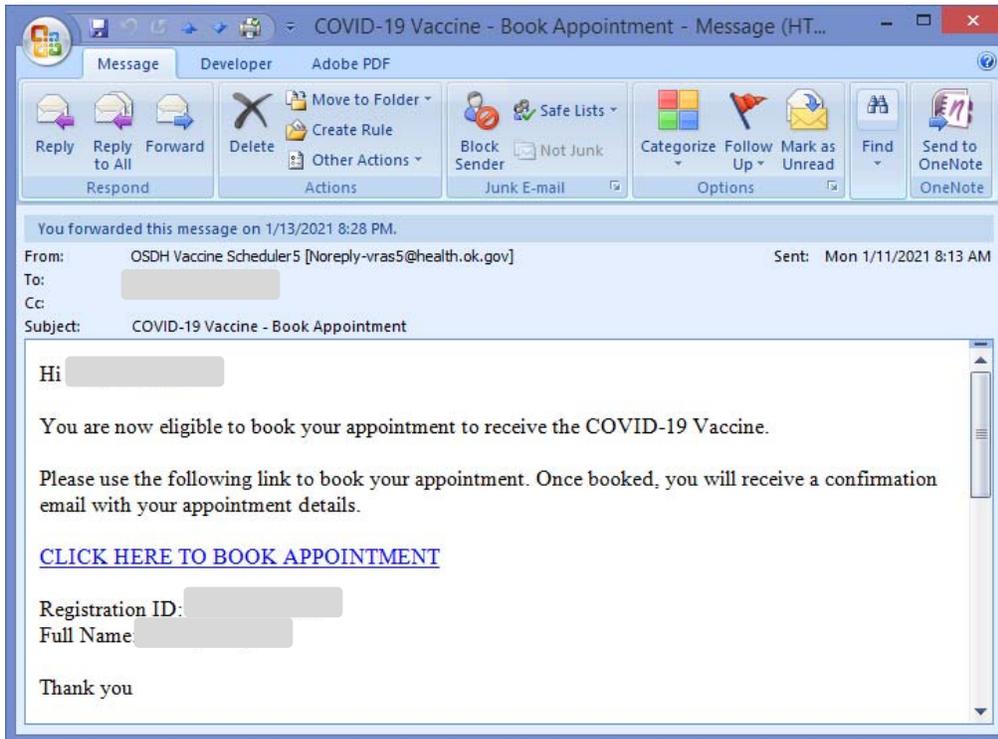
Your insurance information is being requested in order to bill your insurance for the administration of the vaccine, not the vaccine itself. This will help to defer the cost of setting up and operating the vaccine sites and actually administering the vaccine.

Once you click next from this page, you should get a page that will tell you either you are not yet eligible for the vaccine, or you are eligible, and can make an appointment. (I can't get pictures of this, as I don't want to re-register.) If you are eligible, you will immediately be given the opportunity to make an appointment (if one is available!), and will be taken to the "Covid Vaccine - Location" map and location list shown in the "How to make an Appointment" section below.

Whether you are currently eligible or not, you should also receive an email. If you are not eligible, the email will state your phase. If you are eligible, it will include a link to check the web site for appointments whenever you want to. It may take a while (up to 2 days, maybe more) for the email to come. You can call 211 (and probably be on hold for a long time before you talk to someone) to register instead. (I also did this on Sunday January 10, was told I would get a call within 3 days, and have not yet gotten a call as of January 28. Maybe they figured out I got the appointment already? I'm not sure I give them that much credit ...)

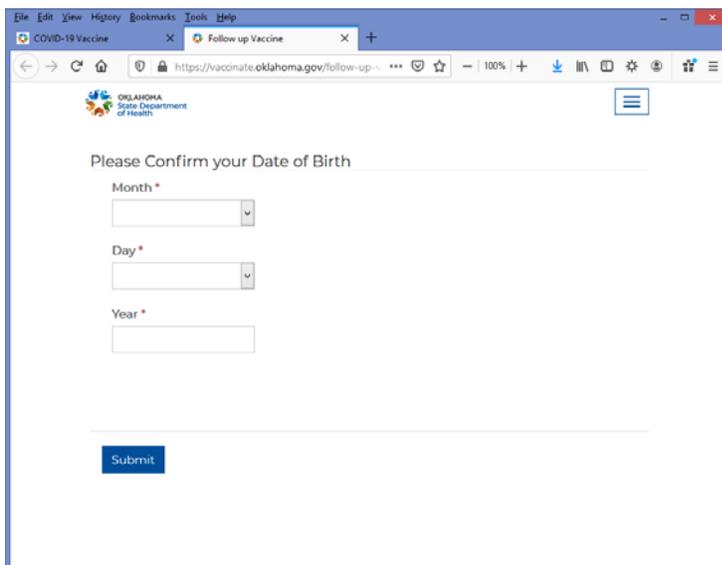
How to Make An Appointment:

Once you get your email that you are eligible to make an appointment, click on the "CLICK HERE TO BOOK APPOINTMENT" hyperlink. If you are eligible immediately, you will start at the Covid Vaccine - Location Map shown on the next page, although you may have to search again later using your email link.

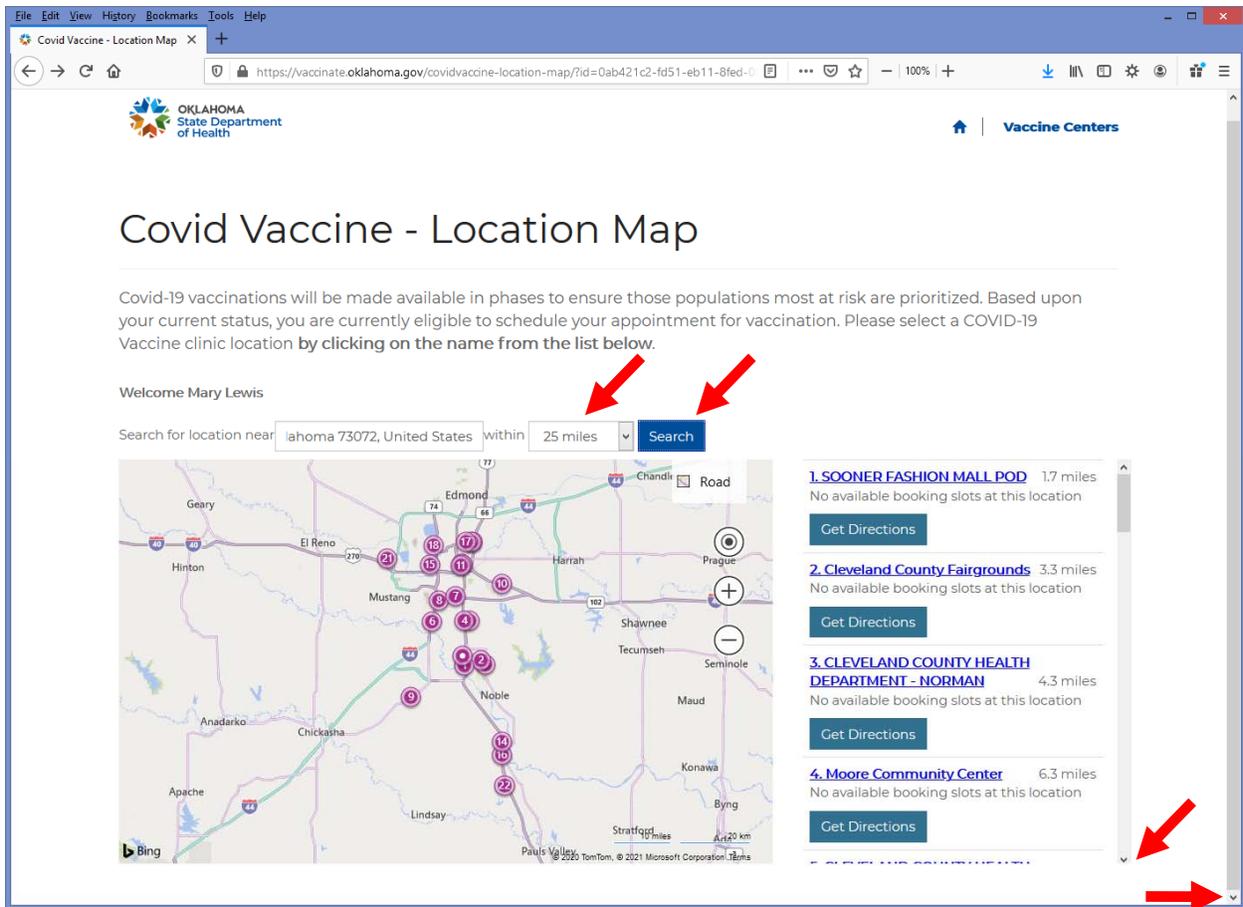


This will take you to the web site. This link is attached to your registration, so don't let someone else use it.

You will be required to enter your birth date first, then will be taken to the Location Map screen.



You will see a map on the left, and a list of locations on the right. You may have to scroll down in your web browser (the furthest right scroll bar) to be able to see the bottom of the scroll bar for the locations.



Your address should be pre-filled. If not, enter it. You can search for locations 25, 50 and 100 miles from your address. It may have already automatically searched for locations within 25 miles. Otherwise, to search, click the blue "Search" button after choosing how widely you want to search.

You will be looking for a location that shows an address, as opposed to "No available booking slots at this location." If this is your first shot, you need to find one that does not show it is for "Booster" or Second shots, as those are reserved to ensure those who have already received the first shot get the second shot on time. A Booster only site is being used for this example, however, because it had available appointments when creating these instructions.

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Covid Vaccine - Location Map

Covid-19 vaccinations will be made available in phases to ensure those populations most at risk are prioritized. Based upon your current status, you are currently eligible to schedule your appointment for vaccination. Please select a COVID-19 Vaccine clinic location by clicking on the name from the list below.

Welcome Mary Lewis

Search for location near within

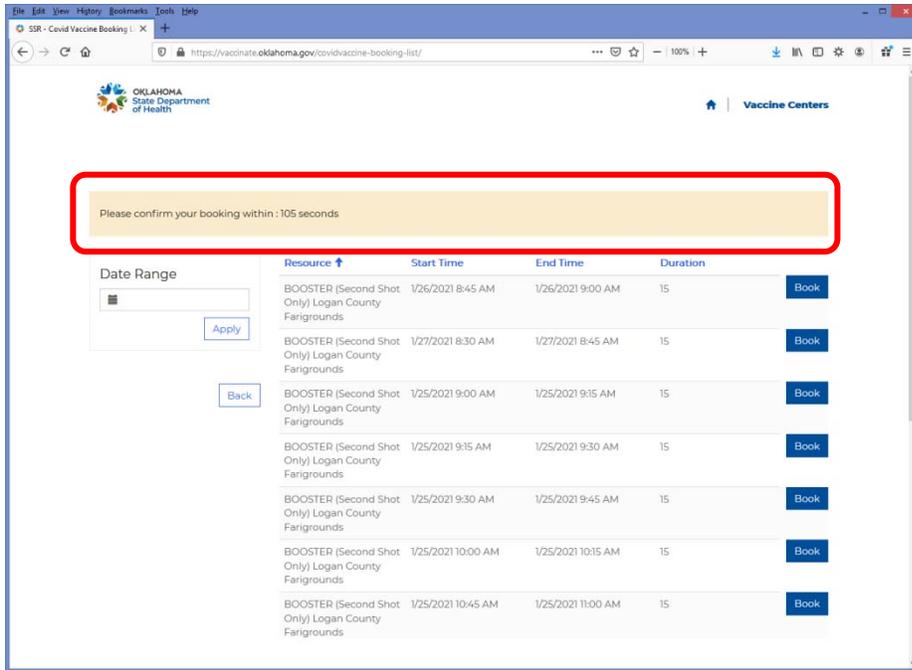
37. [BOOSTER \(Second Shot Only\) Logan County Fairgrounds](#) 43.1 miles
215 Fairgrounds Rd, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044

38. [CADDO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#) 44 miles
No available booking slots at this location

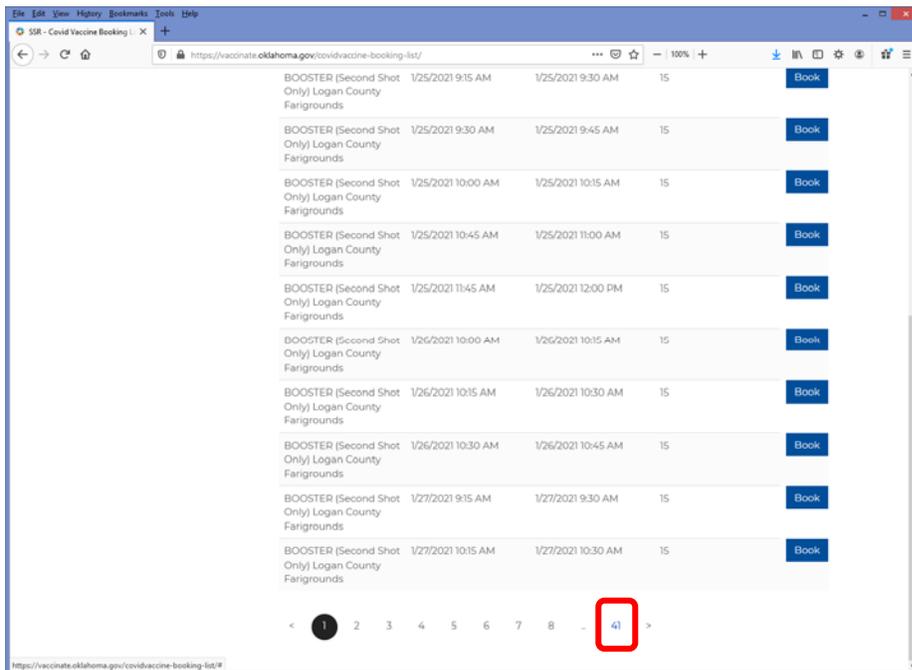
39. [SECOND DOSE ONLY - Bethel Baptist Church](#) 44.5 miles
No available booking slots at this location

Click on the Hyperlink (the blue text) for the site.

A listing MAY appear. (Sadly, you can still get no appointments even if there is an address for the location. You then get to start over by searching for locations near you again.) You have 2 minutes (120 seconds) to choose your appointment time and get it fully booked by filling out the "I am not a robot" characters. The time will count down at the top of the page.

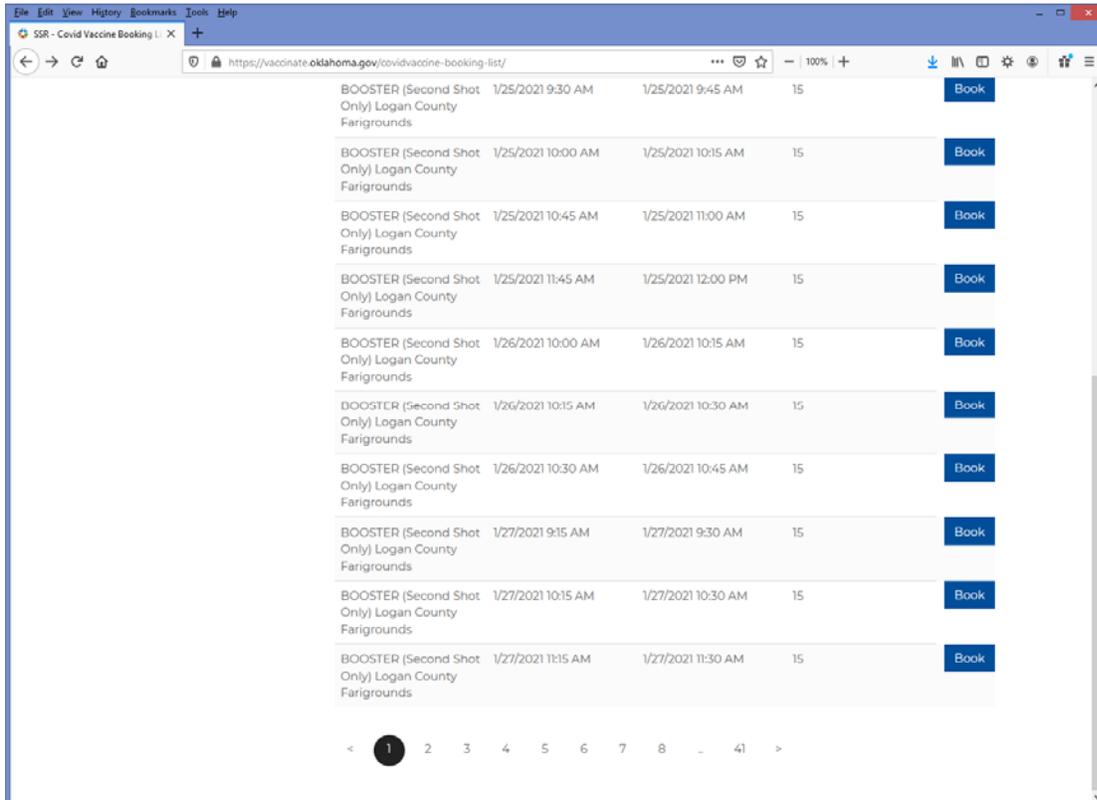


The listings do not appear to be in any date/time order. There are frequently many pages of them. This site had 41 pages of listings.

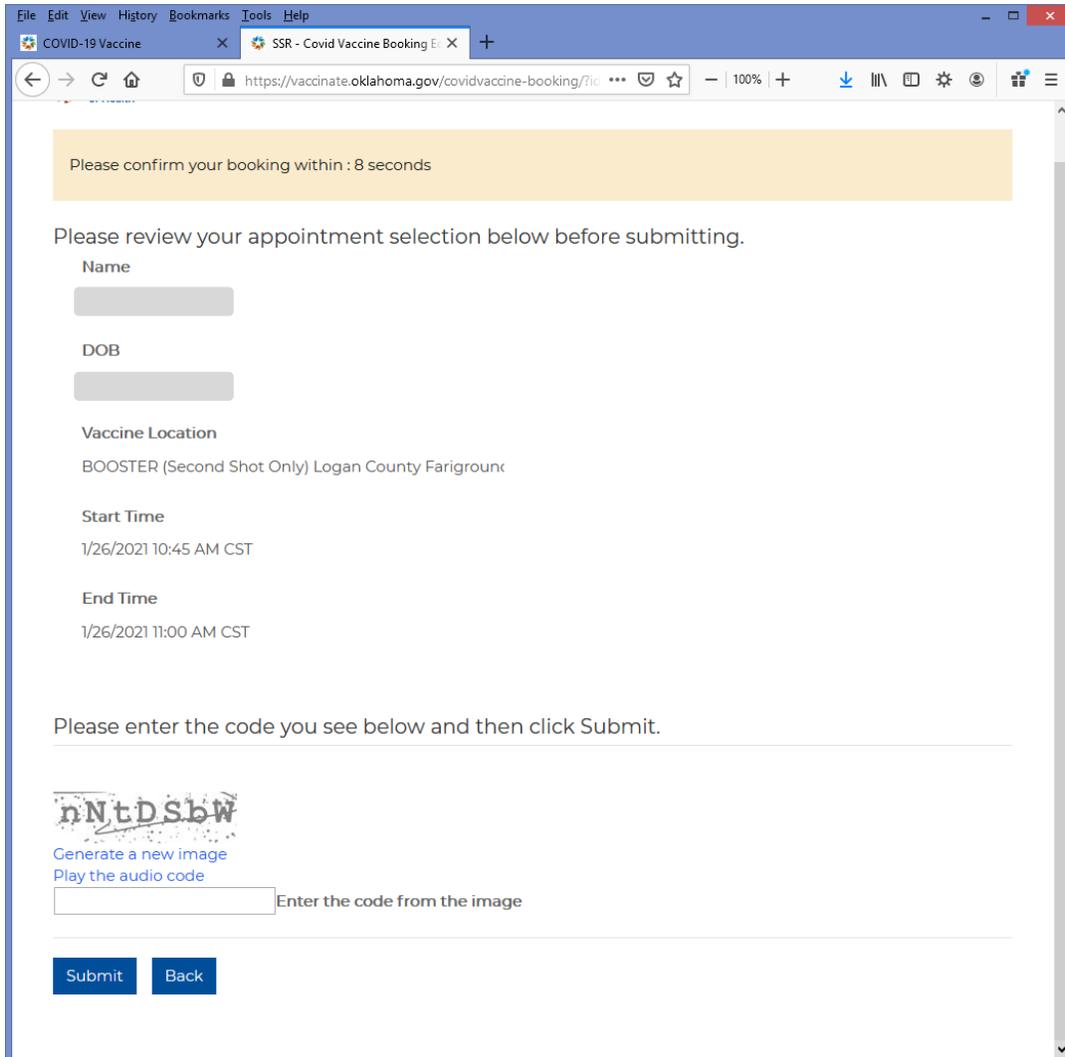


If you don't confirm an appointment within 2 minutes (120 seconds), you will be taken back to the search page and have to start again. That does not mean that there are no appointments available now, only that you took too long to choose an appointment and confirm it. You can see the time counting down in the colored box at the top of the page. Start over by searching again, and move faster!

To book an appointment, click the blue "Book" button for the appointment you want.



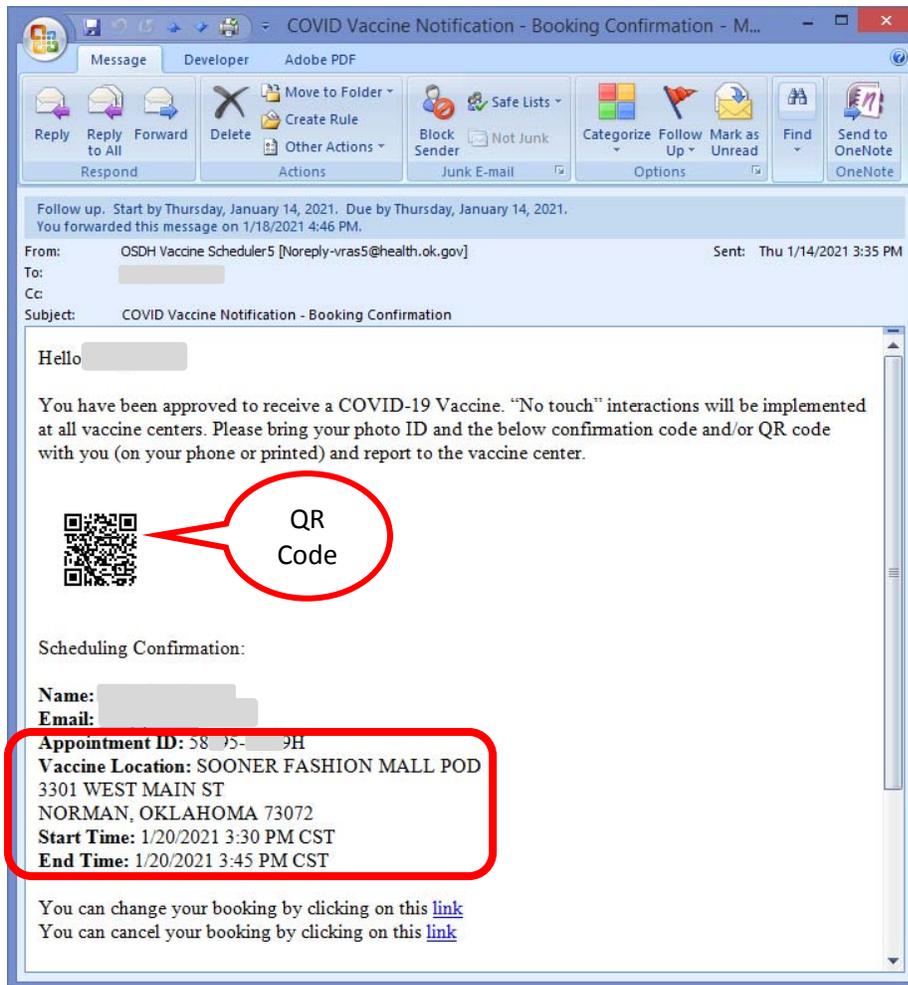
Review the appointment information (quickly!), enter the characters on the picture at the bottom of the left side of the page into the text box to confirm you are not a robot, and click "Submit." (You may have to scroll down to see the "Submit" button.)



You will get a confirmation on the screen (there is no image because I didn't want to actually make an appointment).

You can click on the "Get Directions" button on the location (when the location list is displayed) to find out where the location is, but should do it before you make the appointment, as you can't get back into the location search screen after you make the appointment. However, your email should have the location on it.

You will also eventually get an email confirming the appointment. The email will contain a QR code (the 3-D bar code) and an Appointment ID. These will be used, along with your photo ID, to check you in when you go to the appointment.



Going to the appointment:

Be sure to take the booking confirmation email (in print or on your phone) AND your photo ID with you to the appointment. The location is listed in the Booking Confirmation email. If it is a large location (for example, Sooner Fashion Mall), look for people directing traffic; that is probably the correct area of the location.