

SAVE LIVES Act Vaccination Information

On March 24, 2021, the President signed into law H.R. 1276, the SAVE LIVES Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1276/text>), which expands VA's authority to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to spouses of Veterans covered under the new legislation.

While it is still early within the planning phase, the following groups are now eligible to receive vaccines, based upon vaccine availability, through the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's Veterans COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics operating daily at our Omaha, Grand Island and Lincoln medical facilities:

- Veterans who are not eligible for enrollment in VA's health care system, including Veterans without compensable service-connected disabilities and Veterans who have incomes above a certain threshold.
- Specified Veterans who are eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad.
- Family caregivers who are approved as providers of personal care services for Veterans under the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. <https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits/comprehensive-assistance-for-family-caregivers>
- Caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Program of General Caregiver Support Services.
- Caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program, Home Based Primary Care Program, or Veteran Directed Care Program.
- Spouses.
- Veterans living abroad who rely on the Foreign Medical Program. <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/fmp/index.asp>
- The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) recipients (spouses or children of permanently and totally disabled Veterans or of Veterans who have died from service-connected disabilities). More information here: [CHAMPVA Benefits | Veterans Affairs](#)

Additional Information is located here: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Veteran Spouse Vaccine Process Information:

STEP 1: Complete the upper third portion of SAVE LIVES Act Vaccination Worksheet in its entirety. (link here)

We request that you return the completed worksheet (<https://www.nebraska.va.gov/images/SaveLivesAct.pdf>) to our Eligibility and Enrollment office at the mailing address or fax number listed below. Please allow our staff 7 calendar days to process your request. If you have questions with completing the worksheet, please reach out to our staff at (402) 995-4050 or 1-800-451-5796 option 4.

Mailing Address

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System
Attention: Eligibility and Enrollment 136A2
4101 Woolworth Ave
Omaha, NE 68105

Fax number

(402) 995-5665

STEP 2: Call your desired VA location to schedule an appointment.

After allowing us 7 calendar days to process the completed worksheet (<https://www.nebraska.va.gov/images/SaveLivesAct.pdf>) we request that you call the Scheduling staff at your desired VA location to schedule an appointment for your COVID-19 vaccination.

Call to schedule

Omaha | Bellevue | Lincoln | Norfolk | Shenandoah
Platte
(402) 346-8800 option 2

Call to schedule

Grand Island | Holdrege | North
Platte
(308) 382-3660 option 2

While there is no cost for the vaccine, VA does have the authority to bill for the administration of the vaccine. If you have other health insurance, we request you bring a copy of your insurance card with you. We look forward to the opportunity of providing you with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Walk-In Information

Our Omaha VAMC Veterans Vaccination Clinic has limited walk-in hours, based upon vaccine availability. If a spouse would like to utilize this service, we request that the spouse send in the SAVE LIVES Act Vaccination Worksheet (<https://www.nebraska.va.gov/images/SaveLivesAct.pdf>) prior to arrival, to allow for more speedier service. However, if that is not an option, please print out this worksheet and bring it with you to the Vaccination Clinic. Please be aware that due to processing time, it may take a little longer before you are able to receive your shot, so please plan accordingly.