COVID-19 vaccinations have begun to be administered to eligible Rhode Islanders. The state is distributing the vaccines as safely, quickly, and equitably as possible. Since the initial supply of the vaccine is limited, Rhode Island is using an age-based approach and ensuring the most vulnerable populations receive the vaccine first. All Rhode Islanders 65 and older are now eligible to schedule a vaccination. Health care workers, first responders, and other select groups are also eligible. Click here to see approximately when your age group will be eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine.

Is There a Waitlist for Rhode Islanders Not Yet Eligible?
Yes! Rhode Islanders who are not yet eligible for vaccinations can add their contact information to a Vaccine Information Notification List to get updates as eligibility opens to new groups. To enroll in this list, go to portal.ri.gov.

How Do I Schedule a COVID-19 Vaccination?
If you are eligible to be vaccinated, there are three different options: State-run vaccination centers, designated local pharmacies, and other local and regional vaccination sites, like clinics run by cities and towns, some hospitals, and community health centers. To register for an appointment, go to vaccinateRI.org, or call the automated line: 844-930-1779.

Do I Need to Pay for the COVID-19 Vaccine?
There is no cost or co-pay for the COVID-19 vaccine. Insurance companies may be charged, but you will not be. Those without health insurance will also receive the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost.

Where Can I Find Updates on Rhode Island's Vaccination Progress?
The Rhode Island Department of Health publishes COVID-19 vaccine updates on their website every Friday. On their website you can find COVID-19 vaccine provider advisories, and provider briefings. Click here to view these updates.

Please note: To get vaccinated in Rhode Island, you must live in Rhode Island, work in Rhode Island, or go to school in Rhode Island.

For the Latest Updates on COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines, Visit the Rhode Island Department of Health Website

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs
https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination/covid-19-vaccine-faqs

Latest COVID-19 Updates
https://covid.ri.gov/

COVID-19 Testing FAQs
**Health Insurance Advisory Council Seeking to Expand Membership**

In an effort to more accurately represent all communities in Rhode Island, the Health Insurance Advisory Council (HIAC) is seeking to expand its membership. The council, which exists to obtain information and present concerns to the Health Insurance Commissioner, is meant to be comprised equally of members who represent small business, health care, and consumer advocacy. Each month, members of HIAC meet to review policy proposals, consumer and provider concerns, and various health care programs. HIAC plays a constructive and critical role in the work and priority setting of the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC), bringing forth the consumer, business community, and health care provider voices.

Our goal is to further diversify our council by adding new voices from Rhode Islanders across the state. If you are interested in joining, or you know someone who you think would make a great addition to our council, please send their contact information to OHIC.HealthInsInq@ohic.ri.gov.

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**Do Your Part to Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Rhode Island**

To lower your risk of contracting COVID-19 and help slow the spread in our state, make sure to continue to follow these health guidelines, even if you have been vaccinated:

- Continue to wear your mask and watch your distance around anyone you don’t live with
- Continue to practice social distancing
- Thoroughly wash your hands
- Stay home if you have any symptoms

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**Do You Have Questions or Concerns About Your Health Insurance?**

OHIC and our community partner Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) are here to answer all of your questions and address your concerns. Any Rhode Islander with any type of health insurance can call RIPIN to speak with trained professionals who can help them navigate the health insurance process and get what they need from their coverage.

- **OHIC Administrative Office:** 401-462-6428
- **RIPIN Call Center:** 1-855-747-3224