



## THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN PHYSICIANS

AAIP supports COVID-19 vaccinations for American Indian and Alaska Natives

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## WHO IS AAIP?

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) works to pursue excellence in Native American health care by promoting education in the medical disciplines, honoring traditional healing principles and restoring the balance of mind, body and spirit.

AAIP's membership is made up of American Indian and Alaska Native physicians who are licensed to practice medicine in the United States. AAIP also offers an affiliate level membership for individuals who are not American Indian or Alaska Native physicians.



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## WHERE CAN I GET VACCINATED?

**To find a COVID-19 vaccine location near you:**

Search [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)

- Text your ZIP code to 43882
- Or call 1-800-232-0233

**Other ways to find vaccine providers:**

- Ask your doctor, pharmacist or community health center
- Check the tribal clinic in your area
- Contact your state health department
- Check your local pharmacy's website



[Click this link for more information on vaccination locations](#)



## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET VACCINATED?

Vaccines are safe, effective and available to American Indians and Alaska Natives, 6 months and older. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted native communities acutely. Getting vaccinated helps ensure tribal cultures survive and thrive for future generations.

Currently, health disparities exist regarding COVID-19. American Indians and Alaska Natives are:

1.6

more likely to contract COVID-19 than white persons\*

2.7

more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than white persons\*

2.1

more likely to die from COVID-19 than white persons\*

\*CDC, Sept. 15, 2022

**Change these statistics and preserve native culture by getting vaccinated today.**

## PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

**Our communities are strongest when we all take action.**

*"I am vaccinated for culture bearers, language speakers and elders."*

**- Dr. Terry Maresca**  
**Mohawk Tribe - Kahnawake Band**

Increasing vaccinations helps ensure knowledge-keepers are preserved and traditions last for generations. Vaccination for children and adults is critical to both individual and community health.

Unvaccinated people are **10x** more likely to be hospitalized and **11x** more likely to die from COVID-19. With only **46.7%** of American Indian and Alaska Natives receiving a first dose booster vaccine, our cultures are uniquely threatened by COVID-19.

[Click here to learn more about how you can help protect American Indian and Alaska Native communities by getting vaccinated.](#)



## COVID-19 VACCINE FAQ'S

### Do I need a booster shot?

You are likely eligible for a booster shot if:

- You are age 5 or older
- It has been 6 months since your last Moderna or Pfizer dose (see specific recommendations about J&J [here](#))

### Is the vaccine safe?

More than 3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Risks of COVID-19 significantly outweigh risks of vaccinations.

### How effective are vaccines against the virus?

The three available U.S. vaccines were on average 86 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 hospitalizations and 82 percent effective at preventing visits to the emergency room or urgent care.

[Click here to learn more about vaccines.](#)