

Council on Aging's COVID-19 Response

Vaccination Process for Homebound Individuals



Council on Aging (COA) is partnering with local health departments to vaccinate homebound individuals. COA is screening individuals for eligibility before referring them to local health departments to schedule vaccination appointments.

Providers who believe their patient or client qualifies for in-home vaccination based on the eligibility guidelines below should contact Council on Aging at (513) 721-1025 to make a referral.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR HOMEBOUND VACCINATION

Due to provider capacity, in-home vaccinations are limited to those with the greatest need. Anyone interested in receiving an in-home vaccination must contact Council on Aging to be screened for eligibility. To qualify for an in-home vaccination, an individual must:

1. Be an Ohio resident, AND
2. Meet the definition of homebound as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AND
3. Be eligible for vaccination in accordance with Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, AND
4. Answer YES to at least one of the following questions:
 - Does the individual find it challenging to leave the home for medical appointments, even with assistance from a family member or caregiver?
 - Is the individual bedbound and unable to transfer to a wheelchair without impeding individual safety or comfort?
 - Does the individual receive health care in their home (visiting physicians, home health, etc.)?

MAKING A REFERRAL FOR HOMEBOUND VACCINATION

Providers can make a referral by contacting COA at (513) 721-1025 or referrals@help4seniors.org. When making a referral, please be prepared to provide the individual's name, race, DOB, address and phone number.

Depending on vaccine availability, caregivers who live in the same home may also be vaccinated.

Older adults who need assistance with COVID 19 vaccinations can contact Council on Aging at (513) 721-1025. COA's call center is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

CDC Homebound Definition:

Homebound persons include those that need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, and they typically do not leave their home. [More information.](#)

Council on Aging is the Area Agency on Aging for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties. Our mission is to enhance lives by assisting people to remain independent through a range of quality services. Contact us: (513) 721-1025 or help4seniors.org

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