

## 211 Eastern Oklahoma received these important tips from the Oklahoma State Department of Health on using the Vaccine Scheduler Portal.

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- The Vaccine Scheduler Portal is a statewide public health resource meant to help all Oklahomans register and schedule appointments. As availability increases and more providers have access to the vaccine, more scheduling methods will become available. For now, the Vaccine Scheduler Portal is the most efficient way to find and schedule appointments.
- We strongly encourage Oklahomans to use the portal if they are able for a quicker, more efficient registration. If you can't access the internet or need assistance accessing the portal, we recommend you ask a family member or friend to assist you with the registration process.
- Anyone is able to **pre-register** and enter their information. If you are not part of the current phases, you will be given the option to be notified by email when the vaccine becomes available to you, and when appointments become available once your phase is active. This email will include a direct link to schedule an appointment.
- We recommend bookmarking or keeping this link accessible in your inbox as you can use it to check back for new appointment slots each week.
- Please note that eligibility does not guarantee an appointment will be available to you. Appointment availability is solely dependent on vaccine supply in each county.

**As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to more Oklahomans, it's important to remember that two doses of the vaccine are required for full protection.**

- You should get your second dose no earlier than 21 days after their first dose for the Pfizer vaccine and 28 days for the Moderna vaccine.
- When scheduling second doses, Oklahomans should know that **inoculation does not have to occur exactly 21 days or 28 days after the first dose. This time period is flexible and can be extended if needed without impacting vaccine efficacy.**
- You ARE able to use the portal to schedule your second dose appointment.
- As you go through the scheduling process, when you go to select a clinic or location, the portal will prompt you to answer if the appointment is for your second dose or not.
- You do not have to receive your second dose from the same location you received the first dose.
- Additionally, it is not required to schedule your second appointment through the portal. The portal is intended to be another option for Oklahomans to schedule their COVID-19 vaccine. We recognize there are many individual circumstances and that some may prefer to access the vaccine via a pandemic provider, local healthcare provider or another option.