

# Dialysis and COVID-19

## COVID-19 Vaccinations at Dialysis Facilities

The Biden Administration has [announced](#) a new partnership with dialysis facilities to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to dialysis patients. Through this partnership, the Administration will provide vaccines directly to dialysis facilities, so patients are able to get vaccinated at their facility.

## Dialysis Facility Safety

Taking precautions to stay safe from COVID-19 has been tough for everyone, but for people who are on dialysis, it can be even harder. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has collected information and resources to help patients with chronic kidney disease manage their dialysis while staying safe from COVID-19.

Patients on dialysis should not delay treatments because of fears of COVID-19. Dialysis facilities have taken steps to stay safe from COVID-19, but patients should also learn how to manage their exposure. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has developed [a fact sheet with helpful information](#) for patients going to dialysis facilities for treatment. Key takeaways include:

- Expect changes to dialysis facility procedures and be sure to follow instructions from facility staff
- Wear a face covering and wash hands frequently
- Monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, new cough, sore throat, tiredness, shortness of breath, and muscle aches
- Don't be afraid to ask questions about how the facility is preparing for COVID-19

The CDC also maintains a [webpage with helpful information on dialysis safety](#), including a [video on how to speak to facility staff](#).

## Other Dialysis Options

If a dialysis facility has temporarily closed due to COVID-19 exposure, patients can use the [CMS Medicare.gov](#) website to locate other nearby facilities. [Medicare.gov](#) also includes ratings for facilities and information about services they offer.

Another option for patients who are concerned about visiting a dialysis facility is home dialysis. The National Institutes of Health offers [information to help you choose between in-center and home dialysis](#). Be sure to talk to your doctor for more information before making any changes to your treatment plan.