

WHAT TO EXPECT
COVID-19 Vaccination at UT Southwestern

Day of vaccination:

- Vaccination location: **UT Southwestern's West Campus Building 3 (WCB3)**, located at 2001 Inwood Road, 9th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75390. [Driving directions and parking information](#) are available online.
- On the day of your vaccination, please show up on time, but not early, to prevent lines from forming and excess wait time for everyone.
- In the interest of efficiency, we ask that you not bring anyone with you to the appointment, unless you require assistance with mobility.
- You must be masked and will receive a quick temperature check upon arrival.
- Signs and greeters will point you to the check-in area.
- You will be asked to provide proof of ID.
- During check-in, you will receive your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, which will be needed to receive your second dose of vaccine.
- Please store the card in a safe spot and take a photo of it for your records, too. We advise against sharing the photo on social media, as it contains personal information.
- Following check-in, you will be directed to the room where you will receive your vaccine.
- A care team member will walk you through next steps and prepare your vaccination.
- The entire process shouldn't last more than a few minutes.
- Afterward, you will be directed to a comfortable observation room where you will spend the next 15 minutes socially distanced from others.
- During this time, you will see signs with instructions for downloading the free v-safe after vaccination health checker app. Learn more about the personalized health check-ins post-vaccination on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).
- After 15 minutes have passed, you will be free to head home.
- We invite you to share your experiences on social media using the hashtag #IGotTheShot and tag us @UTSWNews.

After vaccination:

- You will receive daily alerts from v-safe with a few quick questions to monitor your health status.
- You may experience some common side effects – pain or swelling at the injection site, fever, chills, fatigue, headache – which are all normal signs that your body is reacting to the vaccine. If your side effects do not go away or if they worsen, contact your doctor.
- **In the clinical trials, protection from COVID-19 infection did not begin until 10 days after the first dose and slowly increased until one to two weeks after the second dose.** You must continue to be vigilant during this time.
- Until a majority of the population has been vaccinated – some estimates say 70% of Americans would help us reach herd immunity – wearing a mask, washing your hands, practicing physical distancing, and avoiding large indoor gatherings will remain essential.
- A MyChart message will be sent to you when you are eligible to schedule your second dose. You do not need to call to check in on the status.