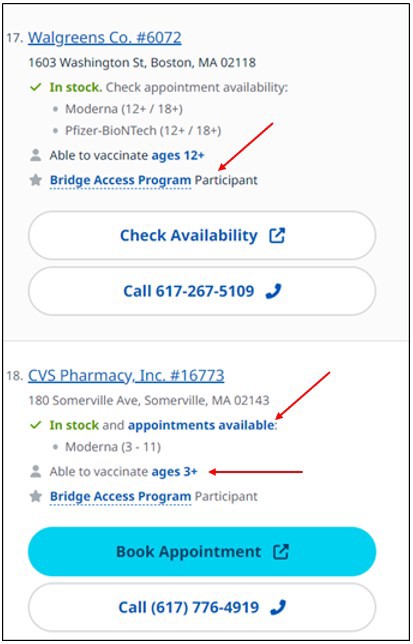
# LOOKING TO GET YOUR UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINE?

As of September, the CDC now recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get one updated COVID-19 vaccine dose.

**The updated COVID-19 vaccine is currently being shipped to vaccination locations.** Not all locations have it in stock yet, and some locations do not yet have doses for all age groups. To make sure the dose you need is in stock, please contact the location before you go!

**When you search** [**Vaccines.gov**](http://vaccines.gov/) **for vaccinators near you, the results will show:**

If they have the vaccine in stock What age group they have the vaccine for



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Here are the latest resources for promoting COVID-19 vaccination to share with your colleagues

and networks across Massachusetts. If you received this from a colleague, [**subscribe today**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9wFTcRU/VEIWeeklyRoundup?source_id=eee0bcb9-f41c-47d6-b3f2-35b929cc9959&source_type=em&c)**.**

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**What's New**

If they are participating in the Bridge Access Program (which offers free vaccines for those without health insurance)

Clicking on a vaccination location will show you many more details, including if you need an appointment or if you can simply

*Search results on* [***Vaccines.gov***](http://vaccines.gov/)*show if a location has the vaccine in stock, what ages are available, and if they participate in the Bridge Access*

drop in. *Program.*

**Looking for an updated vaccine but not sure where to start?** For help with finding or making an appointment, call 2-1-1 (or 877-211-6277) and press

1. Calls are answered Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Reminders**

# DON'T FORGET: THE COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY SURVEY CLOSES OCTOBER 31!

[There's still time to take the **Community Health Equity Survey**, which is open for](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/take-the-community-health-equity-survey) Massachusetts residents through the end of October!



Results will help DPH improve programs, make decisions about funding and resources, and support policies to improve health inequities.

The survey is available in 11 languages and is anonymous. It is open to anyone ages 14 and older. Get started

at [**mass.gov/HealthSurvey**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/take-the-community-health-equity-survey).

**Help get the word out!** Find talking points, flyers, and other materials to help promote the survey in [**this toolkit**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/community-health-equity-survey-promotion-toolkit).

# ALL U.S. HOUSEHOLDS CAN ORDER FOUR FREE COVID RAPID TESTS

Every U.S. household can once again order four free COVID-19 rapid tests. Tests will be delivered directly to recipients' homes.

To order tests, visit [**COVID.gov/Test**](http://covid.gov/tests)**s**.

[**Accessible COVID test kits are also available.**](https://acl.gov/accessibletests)

**Don't forget:** Many at-home COVID tests have had their expiration dates extended. [**Check updated expiration dates on the FDA's website.**](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list)

**Key Resources**

# 100+ GATHER FOR FIRST-EVER MASSACHUSETTS TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS HEALTH SUMMIT

Congratulations to the Community Engagement Unit for the success of the first- ever Tribal and Indigenous Health Summit! The event was led by Cheryl Cromwell, the unit’s Tribal and Indigenous Health Equity Strategist, along with a robust team comprised of Department of Public Health staff and Tribal members from various communities. The event was held at the University of Massachusetts Boston on September 28.

Among the 150 attendees were Tribal leaders and community members from Tribes in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, Tribal and Indigenous People Serving Organization (TIPSOs), and federal and state- wide agencies who gathered to learn and discuss Tribal and Indigenous culture, health priorities, and best practices to the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit focused on the sharing of strategies and resources to culturally enhance and strengthen partnerships in the state. Specific breakout sessions on Tribal data sovereignty, substance use, the social determinants of health, and mental health allowed panelists and participants to share potential resources and strategies for issues that critically impact these communities.



**OUTREACH AND EDUCATION MATERIALS**

[**COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions)

[**COVID-19 Therapeutic Information**](https://www.mass.gov/get-treated-for-covid-19)(including [**telehealth**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/free-telehealth-for-covid-19-treatment-with-paxlovid)) [**Archive of Weekly Provider Bulletins**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/covid-19-vaccine-provider-bulletins)

[**Archive of COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Updates**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/archive-of-covid-19-vaccine-communications-updates)(past editions of VEI Roundup)

**FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE**

Use [**Vaccines.gov**](http://vaccines.gov/)to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment Find a [**community COVID-19 vaccination clinic**](http://mass.gov/mobilevax)near you

Learn about the [**COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program)and request a visit Request a [**copy of your vaccine card**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record)

**Highlights**

*Cheryl Cromwell (left) poses alongside two Summit participants.*



Goals and outcomes of the event included:

Establishing and enhancing federal, state, local, regional and Tribal relationships and partnerships

Improving understanding of the history of Tribes and Indigenous people in Massachusetts, New England, and beyond

Gaining knowledge of Tribal sovereignty, consultation, meaningful engagement, and health systems that serve Tribal and Indigenous people

Learning about Tribal and Indigenous pre-, current and post-COVID priorities and challenges, and social determinants of health disparities

Strengthening, engaging, and coordinating resources and best practices that will support Tribal and Indigenous communities

Discussing policy development to address effective access to resources for Tribal and Indigenous communities

[**Read More Highlights**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-highlights)

[**Visit the VEI Website**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative)

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