

April Presidential Report - Get Vaccinated!

Information Regarding Accessibility at the Ford Field/FEMA Vaccination Site

Vaccines have officially opened up for any Michigander 16 years or older. Vice President Teddy Dorsette and I received our first doses of the Covid vaccine at Ford Field, so let's take you through each step:

Sign-Up: I signed up for the vaccine through Meijer. You can sign up online, call your Meijer pharmacy, or text COVID to 75049. When it was my turn, I got a text with a link to schedule my first dose. They had many different times and days available. I signed up for Saturday evening. They also sent me a text that morning to remind me.

Location: Ford Field has two gates: A and G. Gate G is on St. Antoine Street. Gate A is by Comerica Park on Brush Street. [Parking is free at both gates.](#)

Registration & Accommodations: When you arrive, security will verify your appointment and take your temperature. Afterwards you will be sent to a sign-in table. You will see a sign: This one. They have ASL Interpreters, CART Captions, and VRI all there and ready to help all day. Nice surprise for me! They also have interpreters for other languages including Spanish, French, and Arabic.

The Vaccine: After you are signed in you will be taken to a room. The person will ask you a few questions; including if you have allergies and if you are on blood thinners. It's a short list. Then you get your shot. It was fast, the needle was tiny, and I had no pain whatsoever when receiving the shot. I received the Pfizer vaccine. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this vaccine is at least 90% effective at preventing symptomatic covid infection after two doses. The vaccine is also at least 80% effective two weeks after the first dose.

Post-Vaccine: Next you are sent to a waiting area for 15 minutes. You should let someone know if you are feeling feverish, have trouble breathing, or any other odd symptoms let a staff member know. If you happen to have any issues, there are EMS professionals on site to handle emergencies.

And that's your first dose! It took me about 25 minutes from the moment I walked in the door to when I walked out. Four days before I am due for my 2nd dose, I'll receive a text to book it. It's free, it's easy, it's safe, it's fully accessible, and it will STOP THE SPREAD.

When it's your turn, please help your community. Get vaccinated and stop the spread.