



# News Release

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## **Nearly 44,000 people in seven hours book appointments for state 24/7 vaccination site**

*Another 50,000 appointments available through end of January at State Farm Stadium*

PHOENIX – In just seven hours today, nearly 44,000 Arizonans have made appointments to be vaccinated at the state’s first 24/7 COVID-19 vaccination site at State Farm Stadium in Glendale.

Of those appointments, nearly 29,000 are for the site’s first week of operation.

The site, launched by the Arizona Department of Health Services in partnership with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona, and the Arizona Cardinals, begins offering appointments at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday for health care workers, first responders, teachers, law enforcement officers, Arizonans over age 75, and others at the top of the priority list for vaccine distribution.

“What great news to have so many Arizonans already able to take advantage of the increased vaccination capacity this site provides,” said ADHS Director Dr. Cara Christ. “Even better news is there’s room for plenty more: We have another 50,000 appointments available around the clock through the end of the month.”

Registration is available for the vaccination site at State Farm Stadium and several other sites throughout the state at <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>. Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at [azhealth.gov/findvaccine](http://azhealth.gov/findvaccine). Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201, staffed through support from the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, the Banner Health Poison and Drug Information Center, and Crisis Response Network’s 211 Arizona program.

In addition, individuals creating an account on [podvaccine.azdhs.gov/](https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/) can schedule an appointment on behalf of relatives or dependents through that account, which is recommended for those with older family members or family without access to a computer. Those scheduled for vaccination will need to show identification upon arrival to the vaccination site demonstrating they qualify for phases 1A or priority 1B.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has established the site in part thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Ben and Catherine Ivy Foundation. More than 300 volunteers with Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona will provide 24/7 staffing, while the Arizona Cardinals have provided the facility, tents, technical assistance, and other critical support.

ADHS has contracted with Walgreens to provide pharmacy support and ASU to provide logistical support and additional staffing, supplies, and resources.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination, please visit [azhealth.gov/COVID19vaccine](http://azhealth.gov/COVID19vaccine). For more information about how to schedule an appointment through <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/>, including how to schedule an appointment for a family member, please visit [azhealth.gov/patientportalguide](http://azhealth.gov/patientportalguide).