



## VA Manila Outpatient Clinic COVID Vaccination Information

### Summary

1. The VA Manila Outpatient Clinic (OPC) is pleased to announce we have received our first allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. The OPC will begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible Veterans starting on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the Manila OPC, in Pasay City, Metro Manila. The OPC will prioritize the initial delivery of vaccines to enrolled Veterans who have the highest risk of getting or spreading the coronavirus, or of becoming severely ill from COVID-19.
2. The VA Manila OPC will contact Veterans by telephone and MyHealthVet Secure Messenger to offer a vaccine appointment when it is your turn. COVID-19 vaccines will only be administered to Veterans with a scheduled COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The OPC will be unable to accommodate walk-in requests for a vaccine at this time. Veterans in the Philippines are reminded that the Clinic remains closed at this time to walk-in appointments, as part of our efforts to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections among our Veterans and staff.
3. The OPC's initial vaccine allocation is the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which requires two doses of vaccine spaced 21 days apart. Veterans will be scheduled for two appointments and must return to the OPC for their second appointment to confer the maximum amount of immunity. Veterans who know they will not be able to keep their second vaccine appointment should advise the OPC's scheduling staff and should wait for a more convenient time when they can commit to attending both appointments.
4. As additional supplies of vaccine are made available and delivered to the VA Manila OPC, we will expand our eligibility criteria to offer vaccines to additional groups in accordance with the SAVE LIVES Act. To get timely COVID-19 vaccine updates in English and Tagalog, visit: [www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine). Please note the "sign up" feature only works with U.S. zip codes. Also, look out for regular email updates about Manila OPC's unique vaccine rollout process.
5. Due to anticipated demands on OPC staff focusing on scheduling and administering COVID-19 vaccines, Veterans are requested to contact their clinical team if they have questions or concerns by Secure Messenger in MyHealthVet. As we rollout the vaccine, there may be increased telephone wait times. We thank you in advance for your patience as we work diligently to get everyone who desires a vaccine scheduled. VA's goal is to offer a COVID-19 vaccine to all Veterans and other individuals included in the SAVE LIVES Act who want one. We appreciate your continued support and understanding.