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## The COVID-19 Vaccine: Ways you can help

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Three COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for use in the United States to date. They are: the Moderna vaccine, the Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The vaccines have diverse efficacy and storage and distribution criteria. They also give rise to various ethical questions. For information on the response of the Church to those questions, visit the Diocese of Erie website here: <https://www.eriercd.org/coronavirus.html>.

The distribution of the vaccines has been a particular challenge. Here are some ways in which individuals and parishes can help.

### ***Volunteering as an individual to assist in vaccine distribution:***

**Any volunteer** (medical and non-medical) who wishes to support the Pennsylvania COVID-19 response or any public health emergency can sign up at SERVPA (<http://www.serv.pa.gov>).

Registering simply says that you are open to the idea of volunteering in case of an emergency and provides a little about your background, preferences, and constraints. It does not guarantee that you will be called upon, nor does it mean that you must participate if called.

**Retired Nurses** who wish to help may reactivate a nursing license which has expired or been inactive for less than 5 years at:

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Reactivation-Forms.aspx>.

**Check with your parish and local health department for other volunteer possibilities.**

### ***Volunteering as a parish to assist in vaccine distribution:***

Resources for volunteering as a parish to assist in vaccine distribution, which have been communicated to clergy, may be found here:

<https://www.eriercd.org/bishop/recent.html>.

### ***Current state of vaccine distribution in the State of Pennsylvania***

To find out the current state of vaccine distribution, as well as distribution sites, in Pennsylvania (Philadelphia area excluded), go to these webpages:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Distribution.aspx>

<https://states.aarp.org/pennsylvania/covid-19-vaccine-distribution>