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## **WELLNOW URGENT CARE TO OFFER COVID-19 VACCINE AT THREE LOCATIONS IN ALBANY & SARATOGA COUNTIES**

*Vaccines will be available by appointment only at Clifton Park, Latham and Saratoga Springs centers starting Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*

**SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY** – [WellNow Urgent Care](#), one of the country's fastest-growing urgent care providers, announced that it will begin distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible patients at its Clifton Park, Latham and Saratoga Springs centers beginning Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Appointments are required to receive the vaccine and can be booked online at [Clifton Park](#), [Latham](#) and [Saratoga Springs](#). Initial appointment slots will be released on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for visits between Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Additional appointment times will be released as more vaccines become available.

"After caring for our patients through some of the most difficult periods of the COVID-19 pandemic without ever closing our doors, it feels incredibly rewarding to now be part of the wider vaccination effort," said John Radford, M.D., President at WellNow Urgent Care. "Supporting the health of our communities has always been our number one priority, whether that's meant expanding rapid testing to all of our locations, extending our hours or growing our telehealth platform to see more patients virtually."

Once an appointment is booked, patients will receive a text confirmation and will be asked to complete e-registration prior to their visit. Vaccines are 100% covered by insurance for those with insurance, and of no cost to those without insurance. Some COVID-19 vaccines require two doses for effectiveness; appointments for the second dose will be made at the time patients receive their first dose. All WellNow centers are staffed by a Provider who can administer care in the unlikely event of a severe allergic reaction to the vaccine.

The FDA has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of the Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna and Janssen vaccines, although manufacturer brand may vary by location. Patients must meet New York State eligibility requirements to receive the vaccine and may be asked to present proof of eligibility at the time of their visit. For an updated list of priority groups eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, visit <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>.

"We've worked tirelessly to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to WellNow because we are confident that it's highly effective in preventing the spread of the virus," said Tanvir M. Dara, M.D., Chief Medical Officer at WellNow Urgent Care. "The vaccine has undergone vigorous assessment in clinical trials and is proven to be safe for patients encompassing all races, genders, and health. Side effects, when reported, have been very mild, but patients should discuss any allergies, health conditions or other concerns with a Provider."

WellNow Urgent Care continues to provide timely service for non-life-threatening ailments such as sprains, burns, colds and allergies while also providing on-site X-rays, lab testing and physicals. COVID-19 testing, including rapid testing, molecular PCR swab testing and antibody



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testing, is also available with no appointment necessary; patients can walk in or [schedule a visit online](#). Urgent care services are treated on a walk-in basis, but patients may also visit [WellNow.com](#) to check in online and view up-to-date wait times. A full list of services can be found at [WellNow.com/services](#) and a full list of WellNow facilities can be found at [WellNow.com/locations](#).

### **About WellNow Urgent Care**

WellNow Urgent Care is one of the fastest-growing providers of urgent medical care, telehealth and occupational health services in the United States, with more than 85 centers across New York, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. Founded as Five Star Urgent Care in 2011 by Dr. John Radford, the company rebranded as WellNow Urgent Care in 2018 to better reflect its mission of offering quick, convenient and quality care for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses. As WellNow Urgent Care has continued to open new facilities, the company has also grown through the strategic acquisitions of MASH Urgent Care in 2018 and Hometown Urgent Care & Occupational Health in 2020. More information about WellNow Urgent Care's services, hours and locations can be found at [WellNow.com](#).

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