

Headline: Roosevelt students react to getting the vaccine

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Caption: Three Roosevelt University students talk about their experiences with getting the Covid-19 vaccine.

After a year of the Covid-19 pandemic impacting the world, vaccines are becoming more available. Illinois recently moved into phase 1C of the vaccine rollout, which includes people aged 65-74, people 16-64 with underlying medical conditions and other essential workers. However, on April 12, 2021 any Illinois resident over the age of 16 is eligible to receive the vaccine.

Some Roosevelt University students have already received the Covid-19 vaccine including, Miranda Gomez, Emma Tierno and Pierce Nostrala. They all shared their own stories about where they got the vaccine, how they signed up, if they had any symptoms, and how they feel after receiving the vaccine. Gomez is a freshman at Roosevelt University and is majoring in Psychology with a minor in legal studies and a concentration in mental health. She was able to get her vaccine at Amazing Grace Nursing Home, in Norwood Park Illinois because she works in higher education. According to Gomez, she did not have any adverse symptoms after the first dose, and said “it is so nice, I’m excited to finally see my friends and family again. I plan on waiting until I get the second shot to really go out or anything.”

Tierno is a sophomore at Roosevelt University and is majoring in Musical Theatre with a Dance concentration, she was able to get her vaccine at Walgreens after refreshing the Walgreens website all day for about a week until an appointment time became available. Tierno explains that she usually doesn’t react poorly to vaccines, and that was also the case with the first dose. She stated having a sore arm for a couple days. “It’s the most relieving thing to actually be able to see a light at the end of the tunnel” Tierno says, “But I will admit that it’s going to take some getting used to start doing things I would do pre-Covid, obviously still with precautions like wearing a mask.” Tierno says she is going to Disney soon and is excited to be going and feeling safe doing so.

Nostrala is a freshman majoring in Jazz Piano Performance, who also got the vaccine at Walgreens because he is an essential worker through the school. After getting the first dose he, too did not have any symptoms. “We’re not through the woods yet, but I can see the light that’s for sure” Nostrala says, “I’m excited to travel and see my family.”

Everyday more students will be getting the vaccine meaning, the University will slowly begin to return to normal. Based on the course finder more classes are scheduled to be face to face starting in the fall. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding the Covid-19 vaccine, vaccination locations, eligibility and more. Updates for Illinois' vaccination phases are also available here, along with what to expect when getting vaccinated and more information about what is in the vaccine. Gomez, Tierno and Nostrala will be getting their second dose of the vaccine after the three-week period in between doses.