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## COVID-19 Prevention Clinical Study Looking for Volunteers

As one of the nation's leaders in health research, the Department of Veterans Affairs is working hard to find ways to prevent and treat the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). More than 50 VA Medical Centers across the country are recruiting volunteers to participate in a trial to study the effectiveness of a COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone age 18 or older can volunteer to enroll in COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. You do not need to be a Veteran to volunteer, nor do you need to be enrolled in VA health care.

Due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on minority populations, Black, Hispanic and Indigenous people are especially encouraged to volunteer to ensure the vaccine is effective for communities who need it most urgently.

1. **Interested in volunteering for the COVID-19 Prevention Clinical Study?** Click this link to take the CoVPN Volunteer Screening Registry: [www.CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org](http://www.CoronavirusPreventionNetwork.org) and go to "Volunteer Now." Please use the code: AAVA (Ann Arbor VA). You may also register by calling **1-866-288-1919**.
2. To sign up for the "Volunteer List" in addition to COVID-19 vaccine information visit <https://www.va.gov/coronavirus-research>.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 37,400 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at [www.saginaw.va.gov](http://www.saginaw.va.gov).

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