

VDH vaccination record barcode

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Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

- VDH maintains the central database of vaccination records for Virginia residents
- VDH now offers a new secure way to document your vaccination status, in two parts
- **Part 1:** you can download from VDH your COVID vaccination record, a PDF file containing an encrypted barcode
- **Part 2:** A SMART Health Card Verifier app reads and decrypts the barcode contents

The PDF
looks like
this

COVID-19 Vaccination Record
As of 10/08/2021

John Krout
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Dose 1: 03/11/2021, Moderna,
002B21A, Arlington County Public Health -
DHS/CHS
COVID-19, mRNA, LNP-S, PF, 100 mcg/0.5
mL dose

Dose 2: 04/08/2021, Moderna,
021B21A, Arlington County Public Health -
DHS/CHS
COVID-19, mRNA, LNP-S, PF, 100 mcg/0.5
mL dose



This COVID-19 Vaccination Record is based on information recorded in the Virginia Immunization Information System by providers, and may not include vaccinations administered outside Virginia or by federal government agencies. The vaccinations listed above are valid even if the lot number and/or provider information is not visible.

Once you save or print your record, your copy will not automatically update. If you receive an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to obtain an updated version of your record at vaccinate.virginia.gov.

The QR code on your record is compatible with the SMART Health Card format and can be scanned with the [Verifier](#) app to confirm your vaccination record and that the record was issued by the Virginia Department of Health. The QR code contains name, date of birth, dates of vaccination, manufacturer, lot information, and provider for each dose of vaccine received.

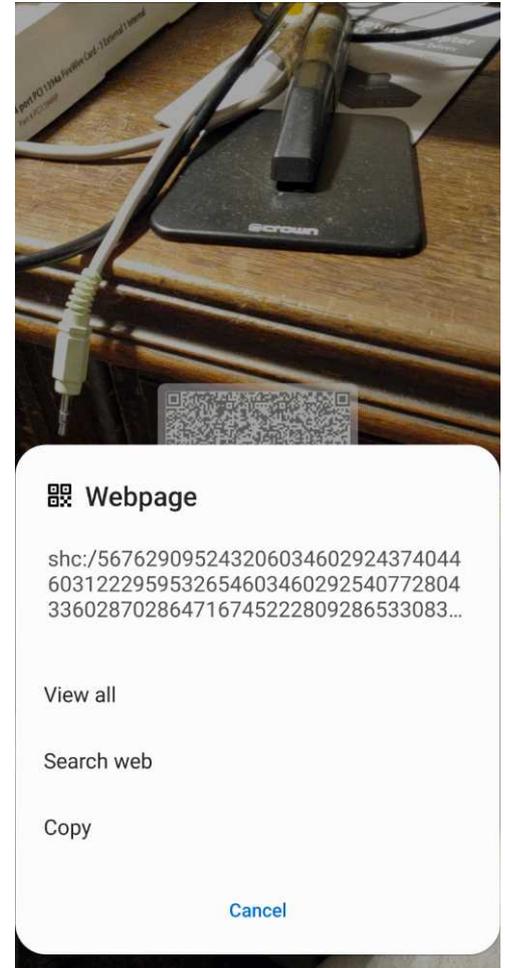
For more information about your vaccination record, including QR codes, visit [Frequently Asked Questions](#). For more information about COVID-19 vaccination, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).





The QR barcode is encrypted

- I tried scanning it.
- I saw a very long string of digits. I tapped that string of digits.
- My phone told me it lacked the appropriate app to read the barcode.
- The barcode includes the user-specific COVID vaccination details: name, date of birth, vaccination locales and dates, types, dosages



Encryption provides security

- Hacking the contents can be done if and only if the hacker has the **private digital key** used by VDH to encrypt the contents
- The barcode reader app provided by VDH uses a corresponding **public digital key** to decrypt the barcode contents

How to obtain the PDF

- Use your web browser to go to this web page:
<https://vaccinate.virginia.gov>
- Find **this section** near the bottom of the web page:

Scan the QR code

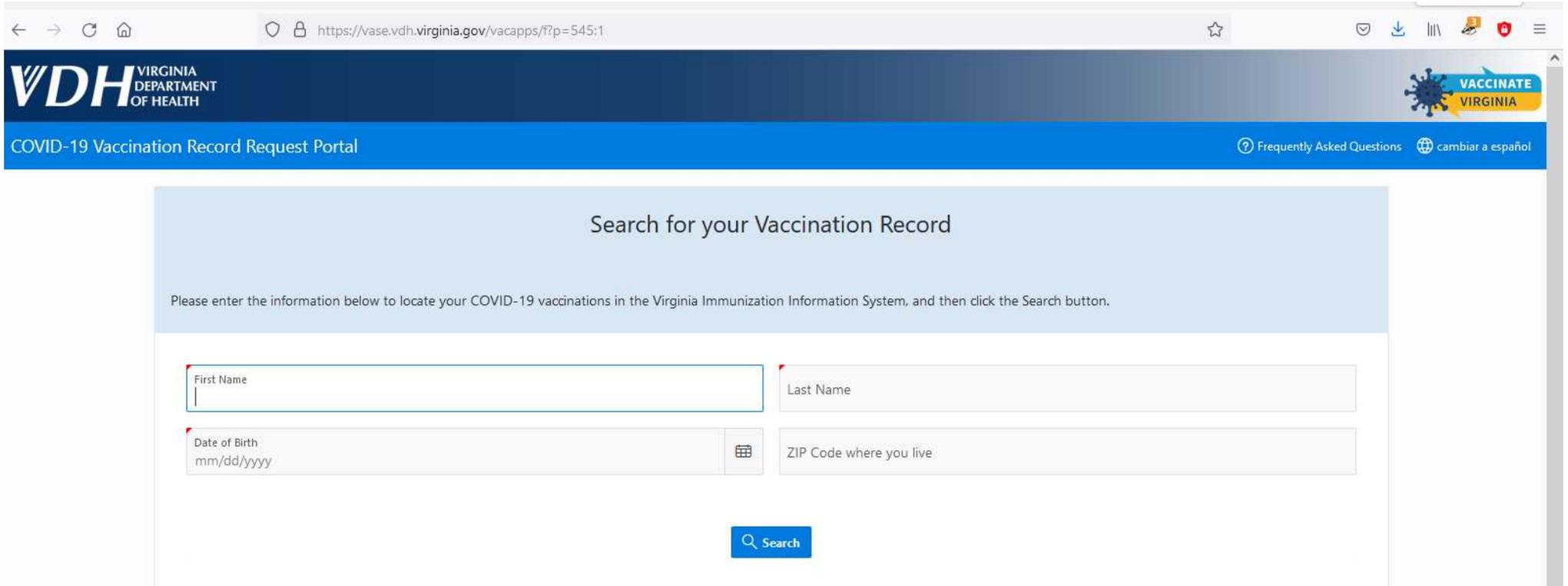


Need a copy of your vaccination record?

Use the Vaccination Record Request Portal to view and print a QR code record of your COVID-19 vaccinations.

CLICK HERE

Enter your personal info



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vacapps/?p=545;1>. The page header includes the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) logo and a "VACCINATE VIRGINIA" banner. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with the text "COVID-19 Vaccination Record Request Portal" and links for "Frequently Asked Questions" and "cambiar a español".

The main content area is titled "Search for your Vaccination Record" and contains the following text: "Please enter the information below to locate your COVID-19 vaccinations in the Virginia Immunization Information System, and then click the Search button."

The search form consists of four input fields:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth (format: mm/dd/yyyy)
- ZIP Code where you live

A blue "Search" button is located below the input fields.

Enter first name, last name, date of birth, ZIP code
Tap the blue **Search** button

2-factor identity verification

Two-Factor Verification

A verification code will be sent to the SMS or voice phone number associated with your vaccination record. The code will expire in 30 minutes. If you do not have access to the phone number, please call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Choose how you would like to receive the verification code and click on "Send Verification Code" button.

Text Message (SMS) to (*) *** 8767 (Message & Data rates may apply)**

Voice Call to (***) *** 8767 (Call charges may apply)

Send Verification Code

Please enter the 6 digit verification code

Verification Code

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Verify Code

1. Click here

2. Enter code from phone here

3. Click here

The PDF appears in your browser

- Download the PDF file
- Make copies of the PDF file on your computer and phone
- On your phone, create a shortcut on your phone's home screen for easy access
- Repeat the entire process after you receive a booster shot

How to create a shortcut (Android 11)

- On your Android device, use the **My Files app** to show a list of files in the folder containing the PDF file
- That folder could be Downloads if you downloaded the PDF file using your Android device
- In the files list, long-tap the PDF file to select it
- Tap the **More button** in the lower right corner. A menu pops up.
- In the menu, select **Add to Home Screen**

The Smart Health Card Verifier app

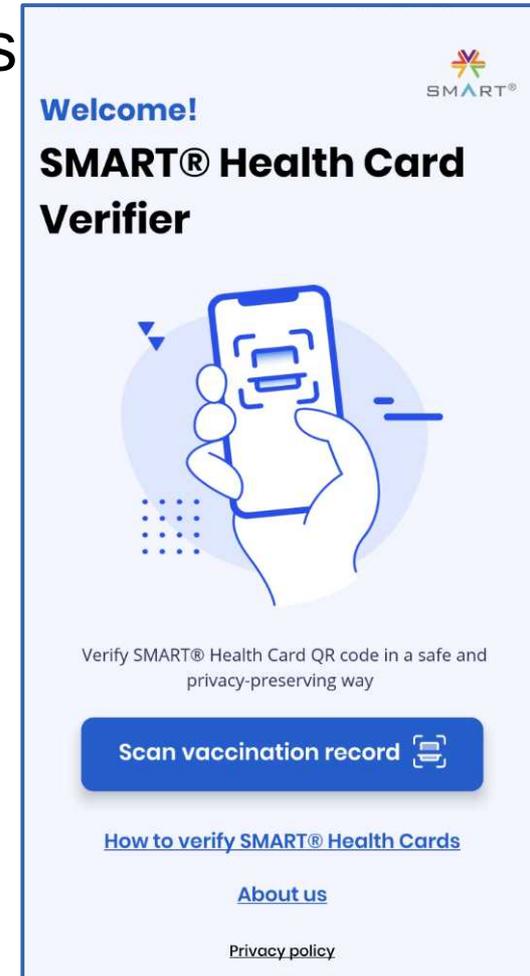
- Available to the general public on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store for free
- Uses network services; may send barcode contents to servers for decryption; implying decryption key is not inside the app
- If no network is available (e.g., airplane mode), then the verifier app will NOT scan anything

The Smart Health Card Verifier App

- On an Android 11 smart phone, the app appears with the name Verifier and this icon:



- Main screen includes a Scan Vaccination Record button:
- Scan result: Green/Yellow/Red
Green means scanned barcode is valid and issuer is trusted
Orange means barcode is valid and **issuer is not trusted**
Red means barcode is **not valid**



The Smart Health Card Verifier App

< Verification result

 **Verified**

- ✓ Valid SMART® Health Card
- ✓ Issuer verified

COVID-19 Vaccination Record 

Name: **KROUT/JOHN** Date of Birth: ****/**/****** 

Always verify identity with a government-issued I.D.

Dose 1

Moderna Lot 021B21A **08 Apr 2021**
Arlington County Public Health -
DHS/CHS

Dose 2

Moderna Lot 002B21A **11 Mar 2021**
Arlington County Public Health -
DHS/CHS

Issuer
Virginia Department of Health
 **CommonTrust Verified**

Scan next vaccination record 



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