

Address Confidentiality Program

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Safe at Home

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Safe at Home Participant News



Be a MO VIP

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has partnered with the Missouri Lottery to offer the MO VIP program as a reward for those who have chosen to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Missouri residents who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine may voluntarily enter a drawing by submitting an entry form at covidvaccine.mo.gov/win/ or by calling (877) 435-8411 before October 6. Five randomized drawings will be conducted and each will draw 180 winners who will win either \$10,000 cash or \$10,000 towards an education savings account.

Safe at Home participants who meet the registration criteria may submit an entry either online or over the phone. Participants are required to provide their full name, date of birth, email address, phone number, and address information, along with information about their vaccination. **DHSS has confirmed that the Safe at Home substitute address will be accepted as the Home Street Address, Home City, and Home Zip. However, to comply with the procedures of the drawing, Safe at Home participants should provide their actual county of residence for Home County and their actual Congressional District.** If a participant chooses to complete a submission by telephone, the DHSS operator

may ask the participant to confirm if the caller is in the Safe at Home program since the Home City and Home County/Congressional District might not appear to be a match. In no case should a participant release their actual address.

If a participant is selected as a preliminary winner, DHSS may confirm the winner's information and verify they are a Safe at Home participant. Should a participant be contacted by DHSS as a preliminary winner, being a Safe at Home participant does not necessarily release any obligations DHSS may require to become a confirmed winner. Should a participant be selected, we recommend working with Safe at Home during the confirmation process.

If participants have questions about how to submit the MO VIP submission form, they can contact Safe at Home at (866) 509-1409. For complete information about the MO VIP drawings, visit covidvaccine.mo.gov/win or call (877) 435-8411. If a participant has already submitted an entry form and would like to change their address information based on the guidelines in this article, participants may contact (877) 435-8411 to request the opportunity to submit a corrected entry.



Buying a Vehicle?

When a Missouri resident purchases a vehicle, the state collects sales tax on the vehicle when the new owner applies for the title and license. The sales tax is based on where the owner resides. The Safe at Home program and the Department of Revenue have collaborated to help ensure participants can successfully pay the sales tax on a vehicle purchase while protecting their home address. When it is time to title and license the newly purchased vehicle, the participant should contact the Safe at Home office before going to the local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The Safe at Home staff will

determine the participant's sales tax rate and provide the participant with a tax code. The participant will provide the tax code to the DMV staff when applying for their title and license. The code will allow the DMV staff to calculate the correct amount of sales tax without having the participant's confidential address. If the DMV office needs to verify this information directly with the Safe at Home staff, the DMV employee can call the Safe at Home office to confirm the code. At no time during the licensing and titling process is a participant required to provide their actual address to the license office.

Authorization Number Assists with Mail Forwarding

When participants provide their substitute address to an agency, business, or individual, they must also provide their unique authorization number as part of the address. The mail for all Safe at Home participants is delivered to one post office and then sorted by Safe at Home staff. The authorization code is an important identifier that will help expedite the mail forwarding process. For example, if two participants happen to have the same first and last name, it would be impossible for the staff to know how to forward the mail if there is no authorization number in the address. The staff would have no choice but to return the mail to the sender and the mail delivery would be delayed.

Participants should ask anyone who sends them mail to use one of these options:

Your Name
Authorization Code
PO Box 1409
Jefferson City, MO 65102

OR

Your Name
Authorization Code
131 W. High St. #1409
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Staying Connected: Do We Have Your Number?

Safe at Home staff need a reliable way to contact participants when questions arise regarding mail, service of process, or address disclosure. Any time a participant changes his or her phone number, it is important that this information be shared with the

Safe at Home office. Participants might miss timely emergency notifications if the staff cannot reach them by phone. Phone numbers may be updated by calling the Safe at Home office.