

Adding a California Vaccine Card to Your iPhone's Apple Wallet

Requires iOS 15.1 (or later) and Safari browser

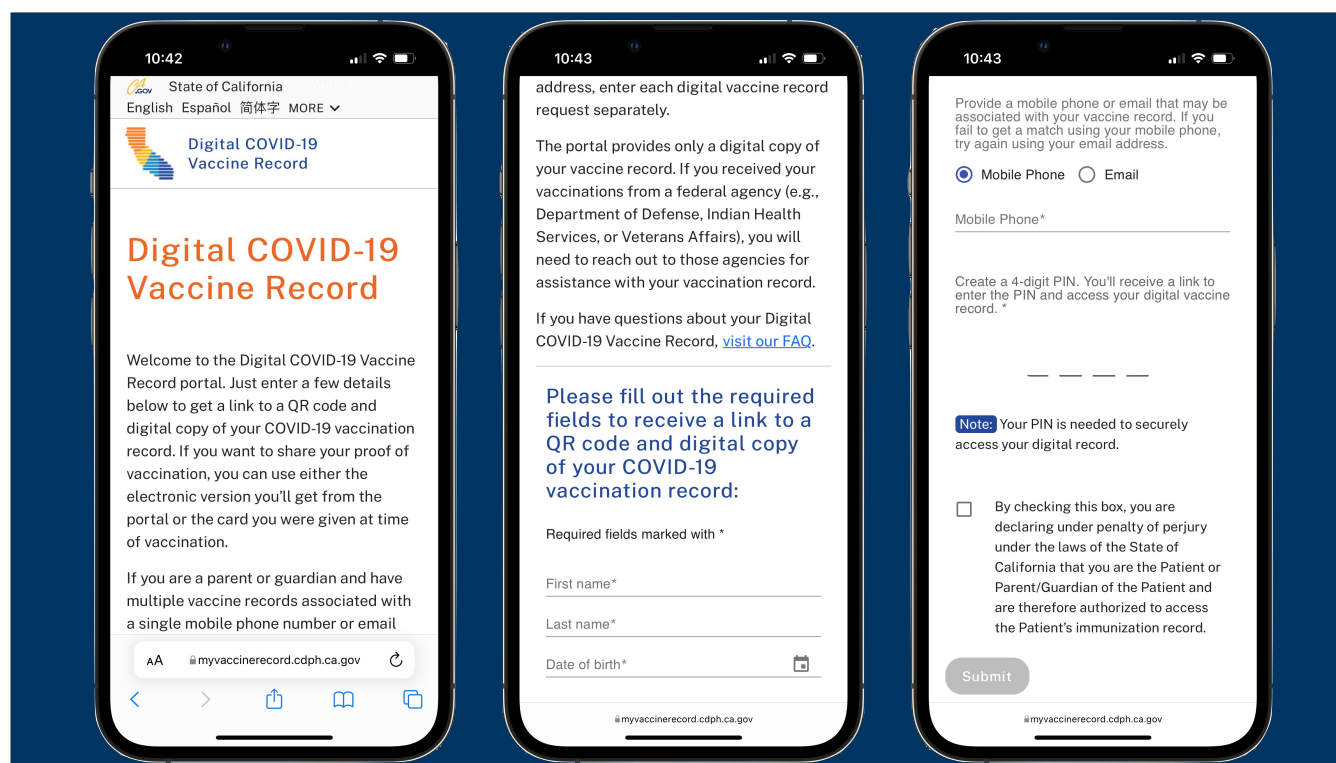
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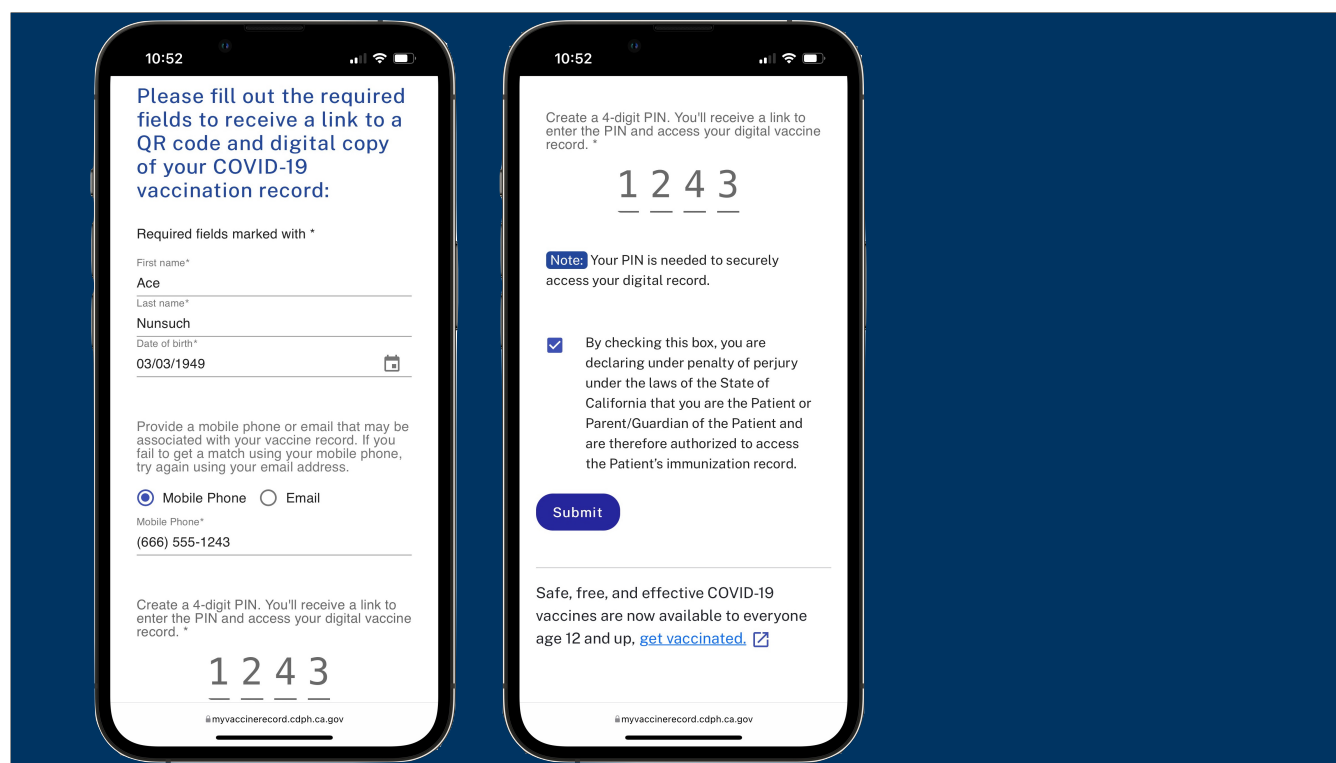
Start at the California Vaccine Website

<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>

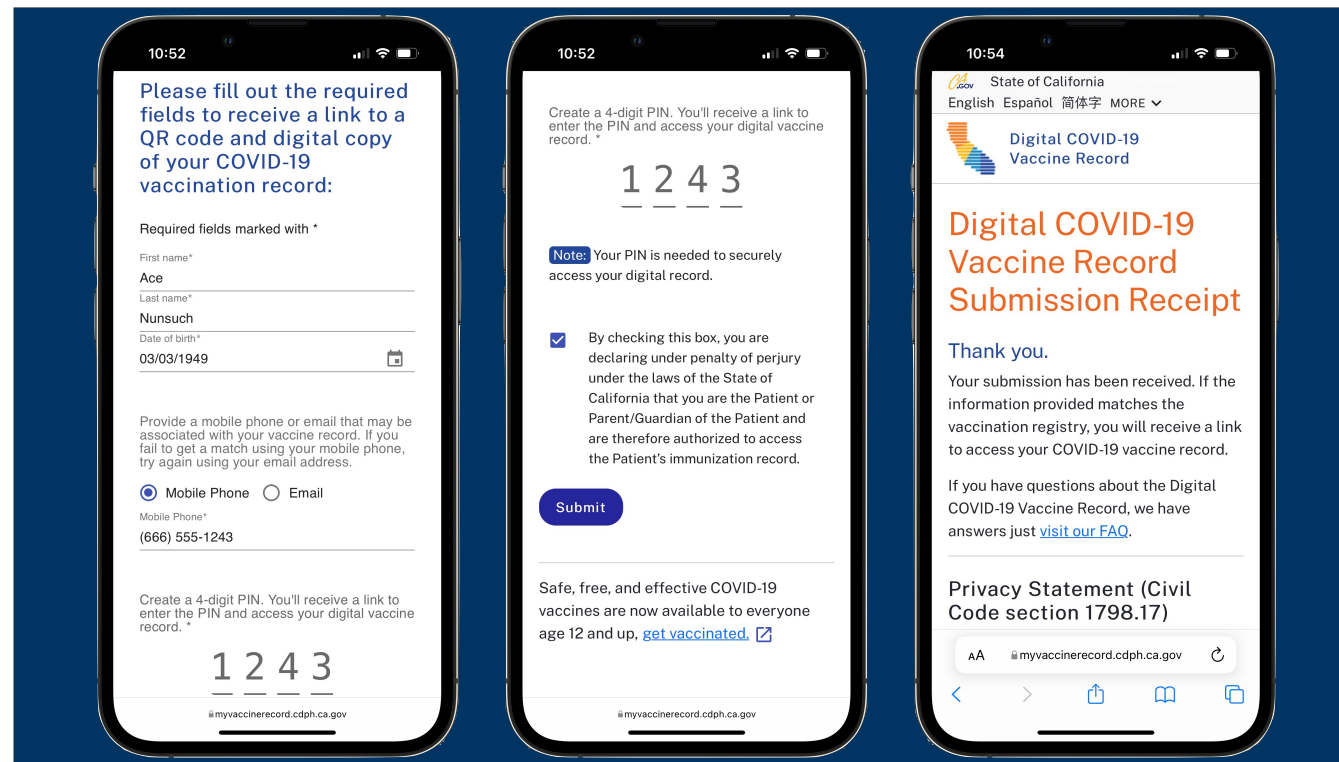
You must be using the Safari browser on your iPhone when viewing and entering information on the State's Vaccine Website when entering your PIN code to access the button to add it to your wallet.



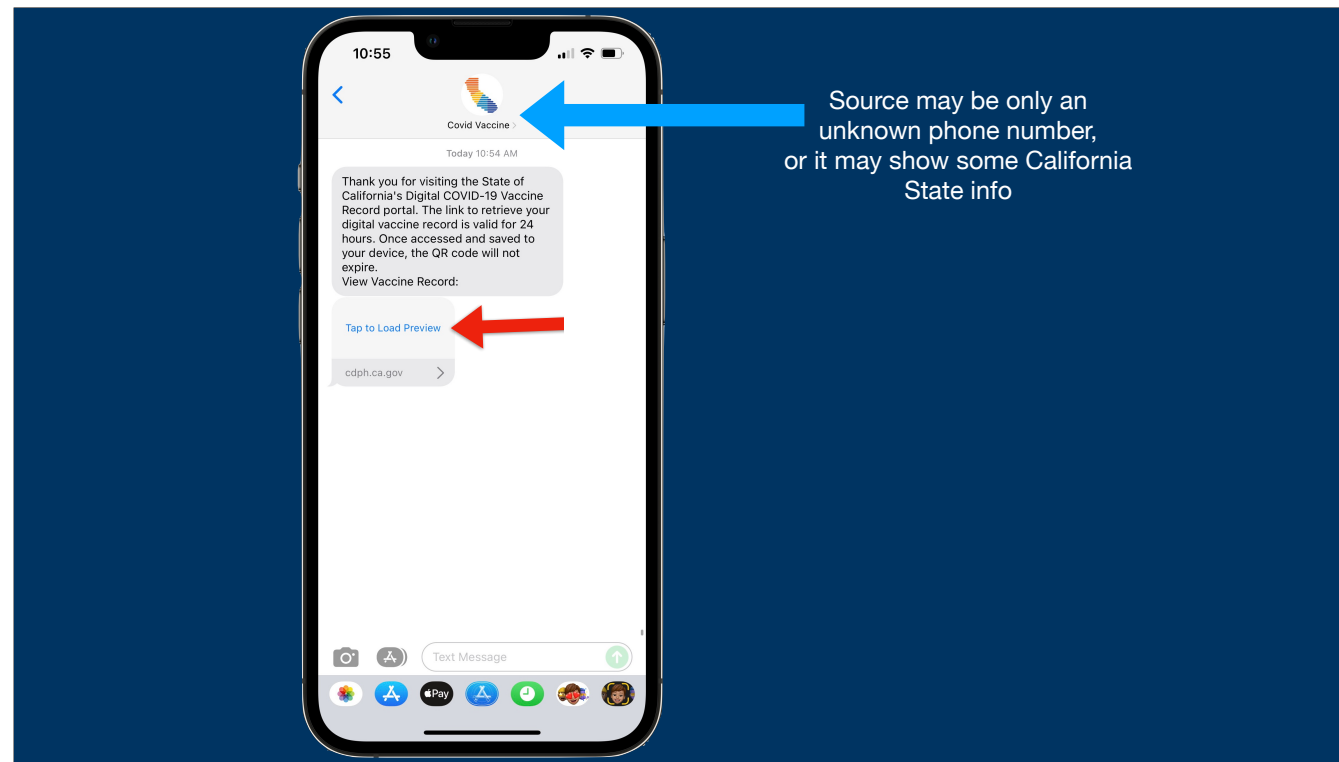
The State's website is more than 2 screens long for registering to received your Vaccine Card link.
All shown as screenshots above.



Fill out all of the fields. It indicates that the required fields are marked with asterisks — and they ALL are so marked. You must also mark the checkbox indicating you are the person who should have access to the requested record, and enter a 4-digit PIN, which you'll need to enter again later in the process to view the record. Write this PIN down so you don't have to trust your memory later. The PIN will expire after a short period of time so it's not something you need to memorize — just keep track of it to reuse a few minutes later.



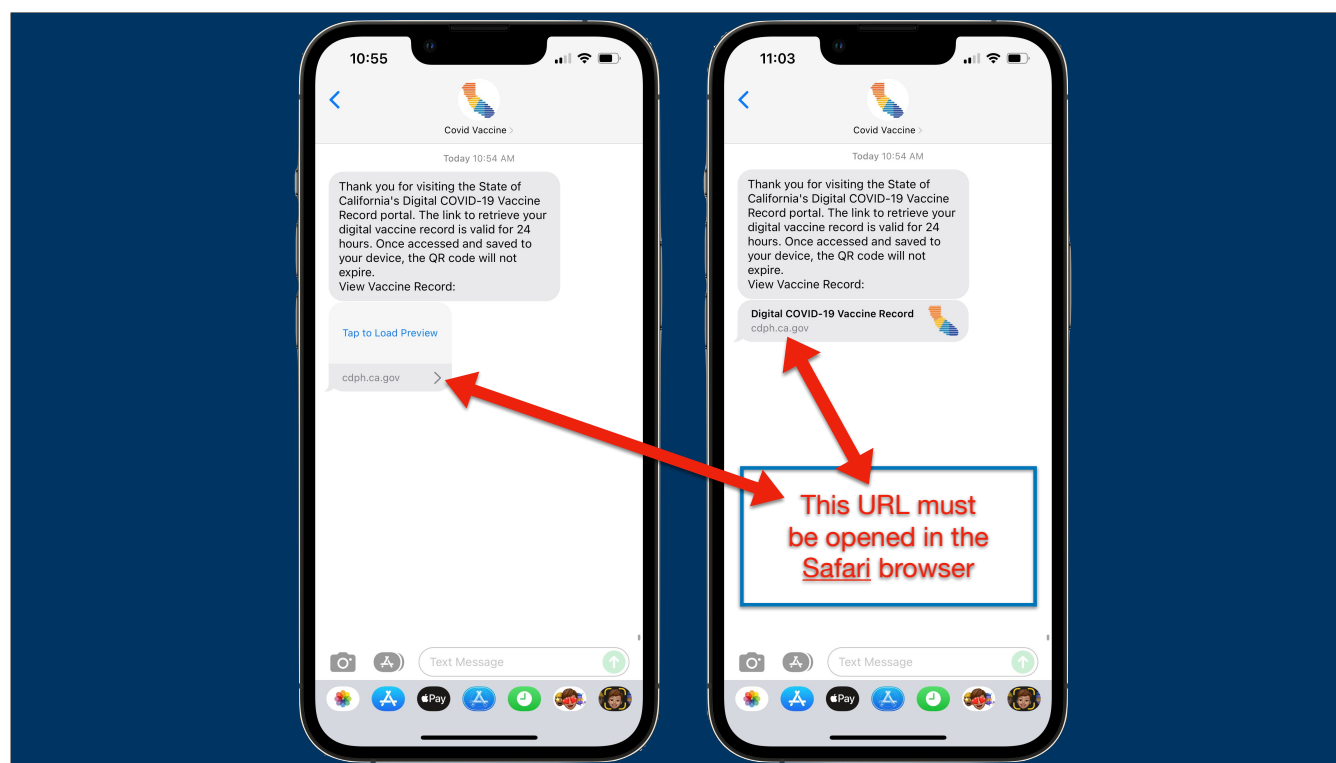
When the fields are complete, including the checkbox and PIN code, the Submit button will turn blue, and you can tap it to continue. This brings up a screen thanking you for submitting your info and telling you about their privacy policy — after you’ve already given them your info. You’re now done with this website.



Soon thereafter, if your entered details match a Vaccine Record in the State's vaccine database, you will receive a text message at the phone number you provided. This assumes that your First Name, Last Name, date of birth, and phone number all match a record in the State's Vaccine Database. (If they don't, you can't continue.) After the State matches your record, you get the text message with a link to click. It may appear to come from an unknown phone number or from the State, but it reads as the message above.



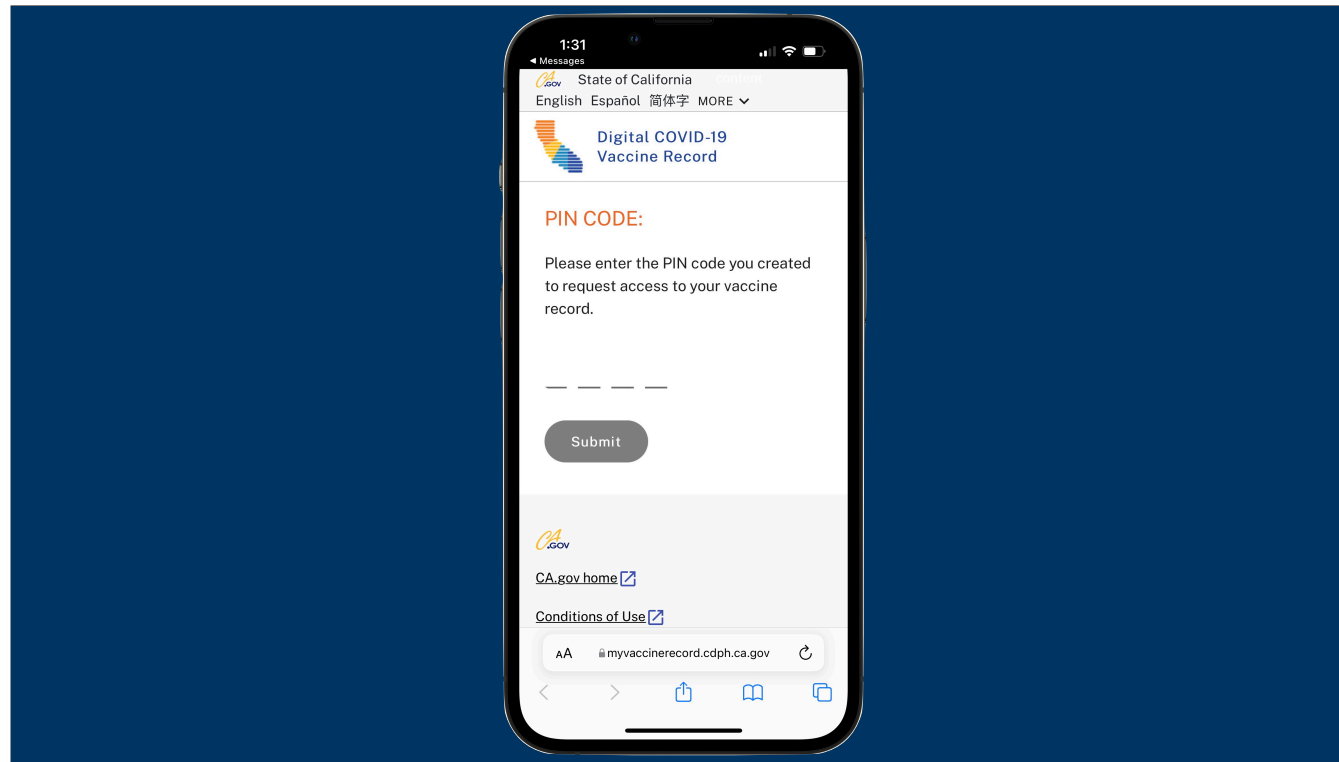
If the message URL has not loaded a preview, you can tap on the upper part of the URL box to load a preview of the State's website to be sure it's from them.



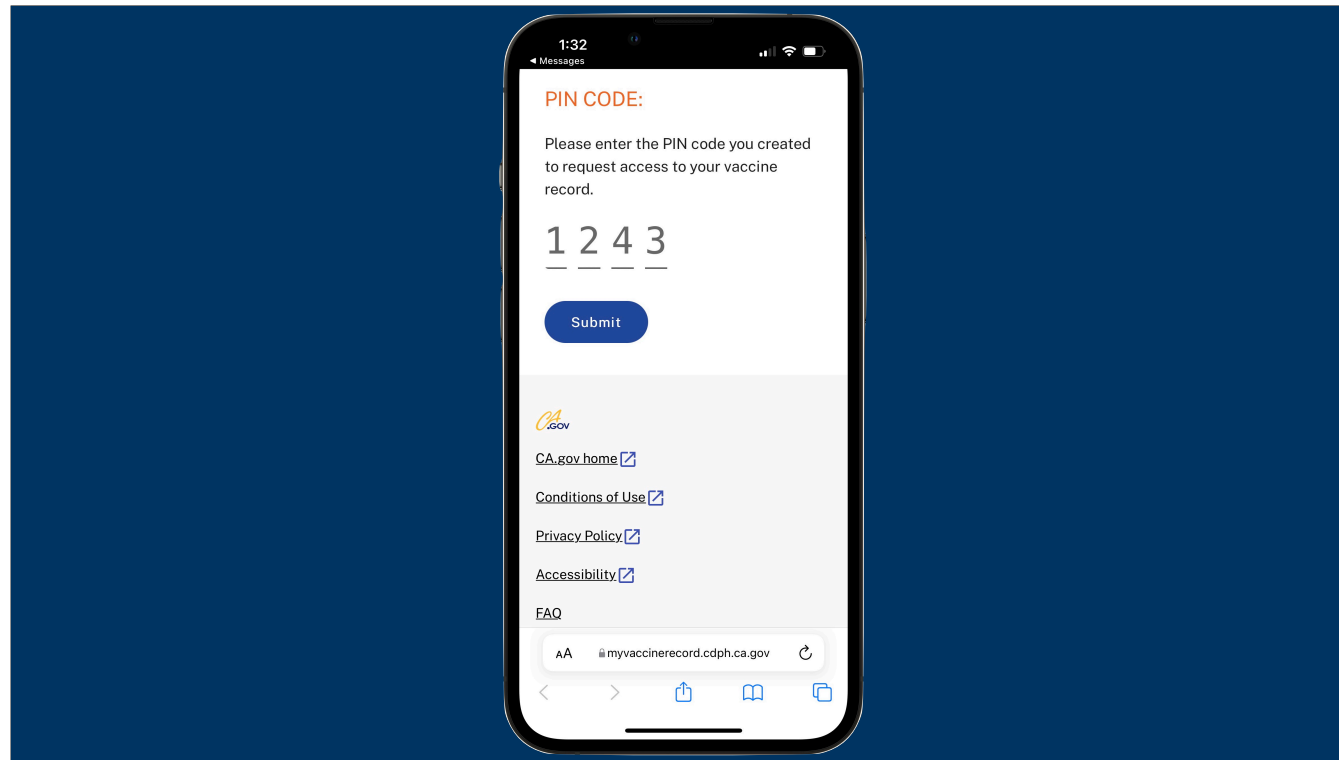
The URL in the last part of the text message needs to be opened using the Safari browser. Safari is the default browser if you have not installed other browsers on your iPhone and made changes in settings.

(You can go to Settings > Safari, and make Safari your default browser if you had previously changed it.)

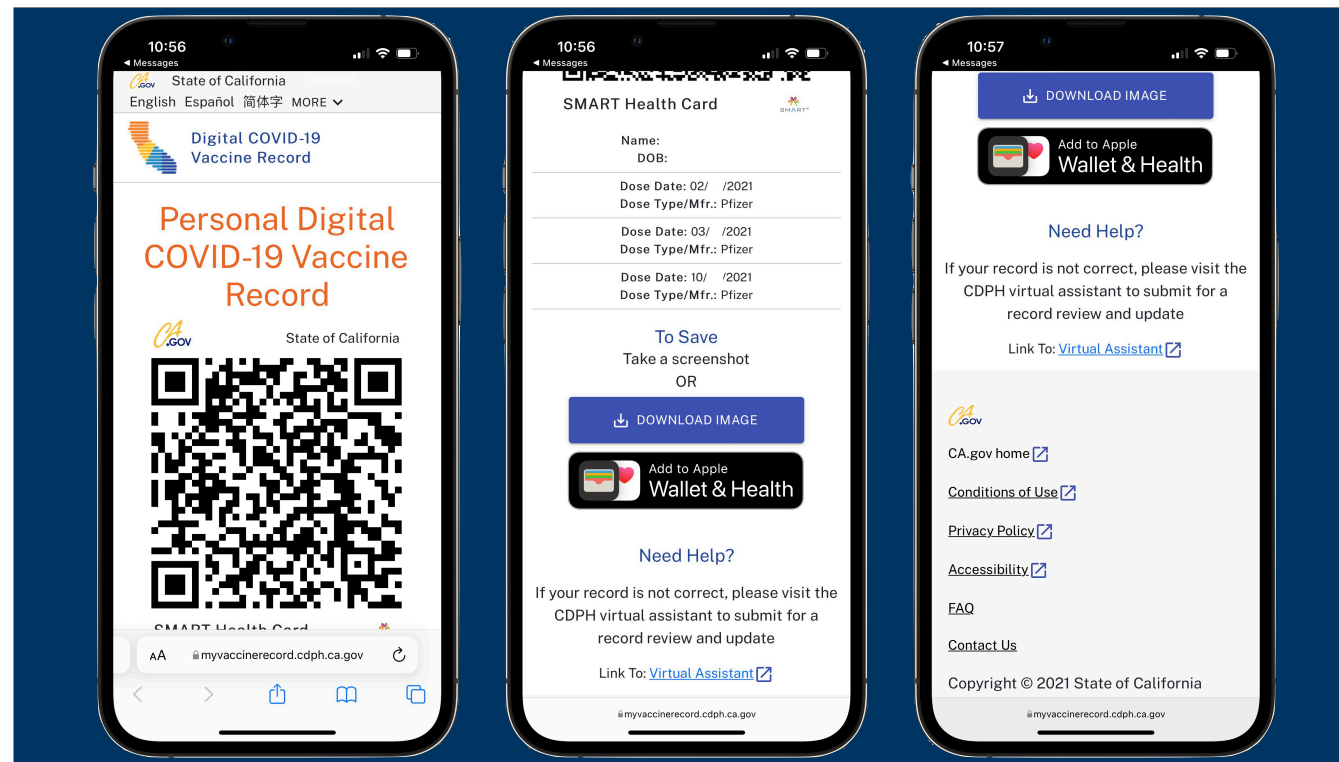
Opening this URL link in a different browser than Safari will NOT let you add your card to the Wallet App!



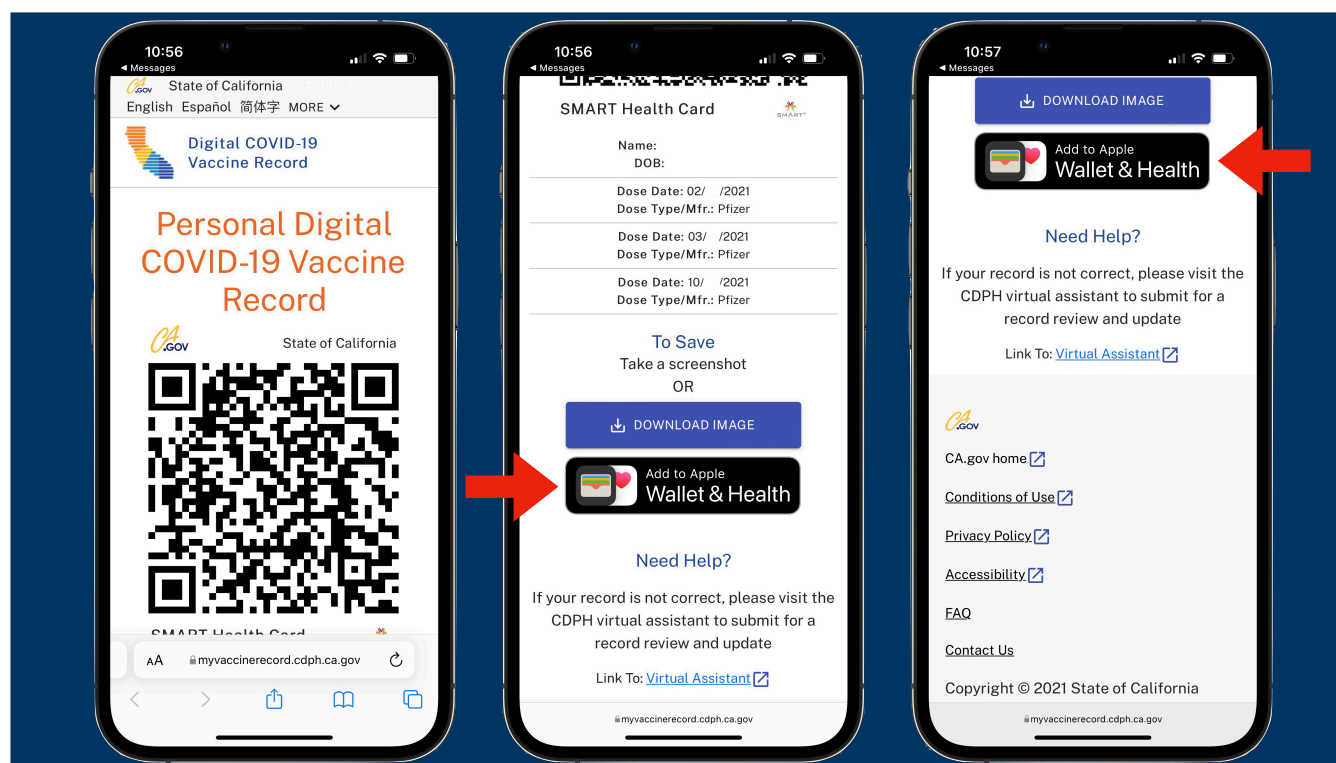
Opening the link in Safari, the State website requires that you enter that PIN code you first entered when signing up to get this info a few minutes earlier. That's easy, you wrote it down just for this one-time use as suggested.



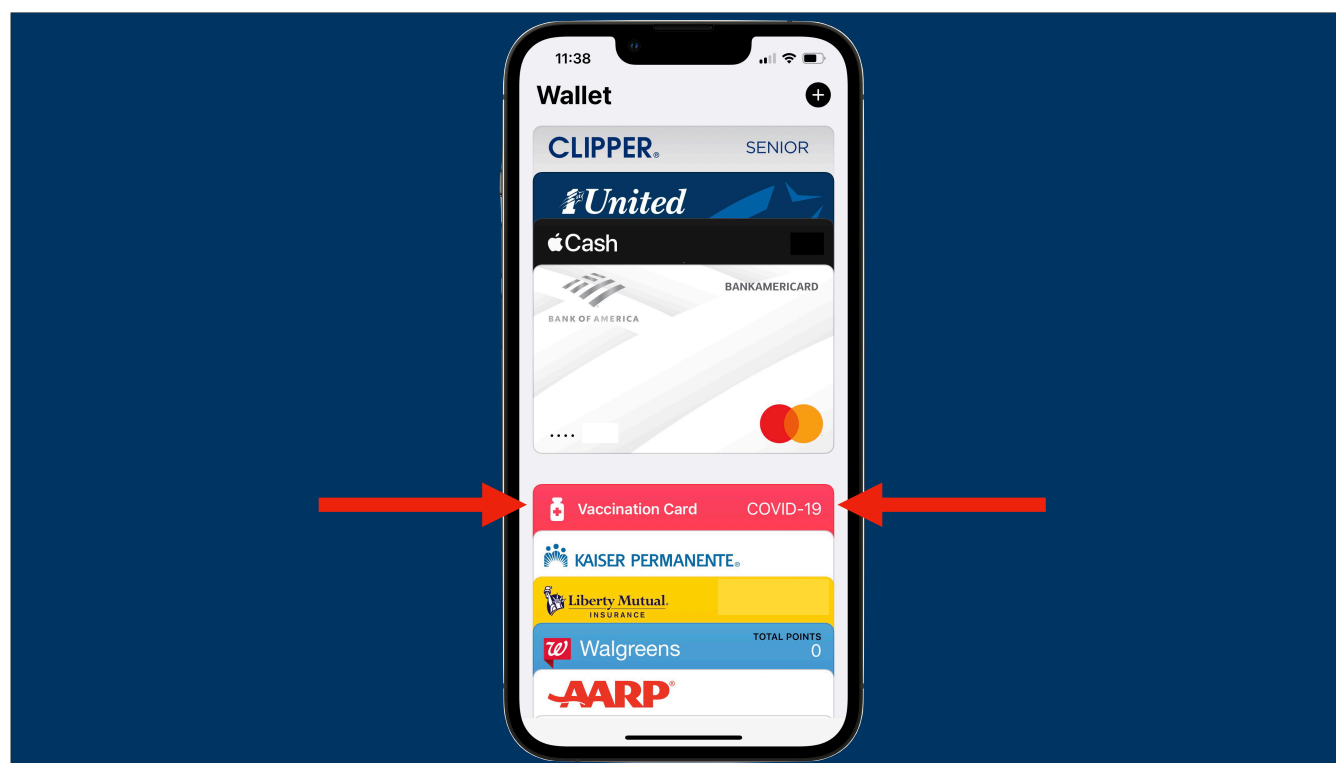
Once you've entered that PIN, the Submit button turns blue.
If your PIN matches the PIN you previously entered...



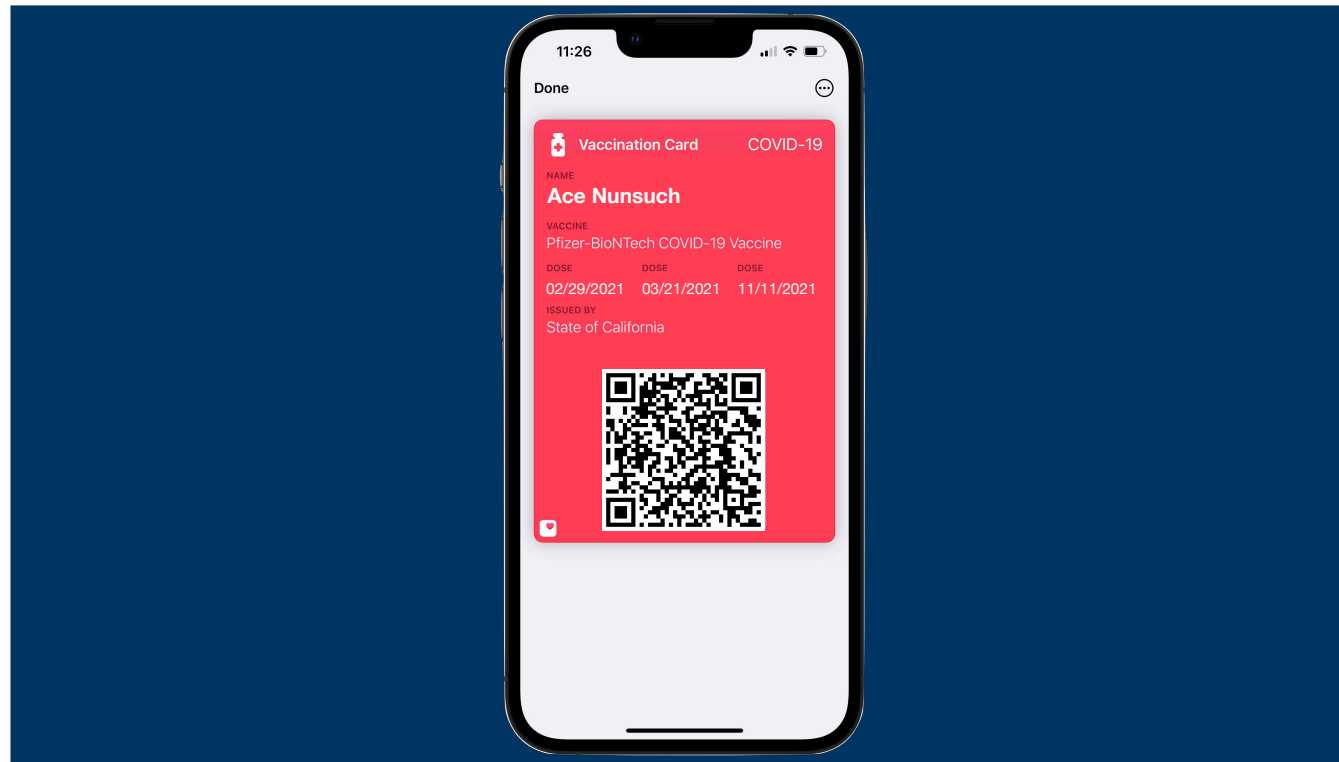
Your State Vaccine Record will appear.
It scrolls down more than 2 screens,
all shown above as individual screenshots.



Find the blackish button that says Add to Apple Wallet & Health.
Clicking that button will add your Vaccine Record to your Wallet App.



The next time you open your Apple Wallet, a new pinkish Vaccination Card for COVID-19 should appear in the lower part of your cards. Click it to see your Vaccine Record.



This Card can be shown at any time by opening your Wallet to prove your current Vaccine Status, complete with a verification QR code which others can scan to see that it matches the State's records.

Only the information shown on the card is revealed when the QR code is scanned.

The rest of your vaccine record remains private, including your birthday.

Start at the California Vaccine Website

<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>

Go to this website to start your Vaccine Record request from the California State Dept. of Public Health.
You can do this multiple times if you need to, such as to update your card after a Booster shot.

A vaccine card already placed in your Wallet will not update on its own; you'll need to do this again when the State's vaccine records are updated by your vaccine provider, which may take from a few days to several weeks.