

# Important COVID-19 vaccine update



## Top 3 things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

Keeping you up to date on the latest developments for a COVID-19 vaccine is our top priority. It will be an important way to slow the spread of the disease. That's why we are committed to helping you find vaccine information and get the vaccine. For guidance on the vaccine and your health, talk to your health care provider.

### 1. A COVID-19 vaccine is coming

Several trials from multiple companies are happening now, with promising results that you may have read about. It's also helpful to know that the **U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)** has a review process that it completes before it will authorize vaccines for emergency use by the general public. While no vaccine is authorized yet, this may happen soon. It is likely that the first FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines will require two doses several weeks apart. If you receive a vaccine that requires two doses, you will need to get your second dose in the given time frame after your first dose.

### 2. Availability of the COVID-19 vaccine

Once a COVID-19 vaccine is FDA-authorized, the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** will work with state health agencies to determine where the COVID-19 vaccine will be available and who should get it first. This will likely be health care and essential workers, as well as people at high risk, such as those age 65 and older or with certain medical conditions. Initially, the vaccine will only be available at certain locations.

### 3. You will have \$0 cost-share

Once FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are publicly available, and during the public health emergency, you will be able to get it at \$0 cost-share, no matter where you get the vaccine (in- and out-of-network providers), including when two doses are required. After the public health emergency ends, the vaccine will be covered under the plan just like other preventive vaccines.

## Take steps to protect yourself now

Make sure you are following these simple steps to help protect your health:

- Get a flu shot
- Make sure your doctor visits are up to date
- Wear a mask
- Continue to social distance
- Wash your hands

The COVID-19 vaccine is changing quickly. The [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/) is the best resource for COVID-19 information.