COVID-19 Vaccines:

Your best shot against COVID-19.



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Logistics for today's COVID-19 Forum

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You'll soon be able to take a safe vaccine to protect you from getting COVID-19.

It's free to everyone.

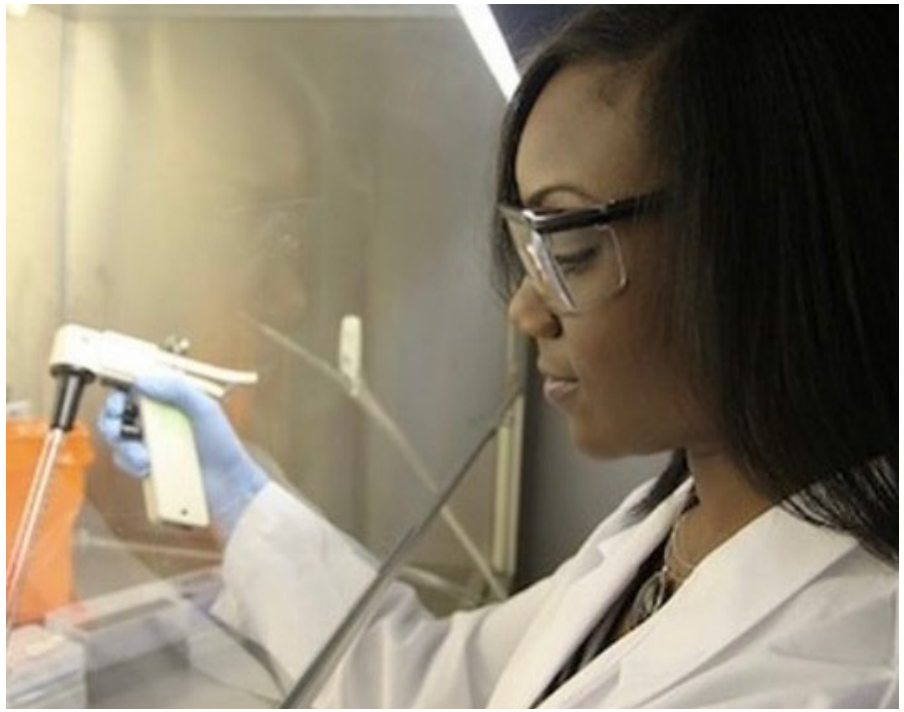
Here's what you need to know.

Leading with equity: We must build trust.

- Racism runs throughout our social, economic, and health care systems, causing unequal access to care, maltreatment, and neglect for historically marginalized communities. These longstanding and continuing racial and ethnic injustices in our health care system contribute to lack of trust in vaccines.

- North Carolina is drawing upon the experience and expertise of leaders from historically marginalized communities to develop and implement its vaccine plan.

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- COVID-19 vaccines are built on years of work to develop vaccines for similar viruses.
- The first two vaccines use a method that researchers have been studying and working with for decades.

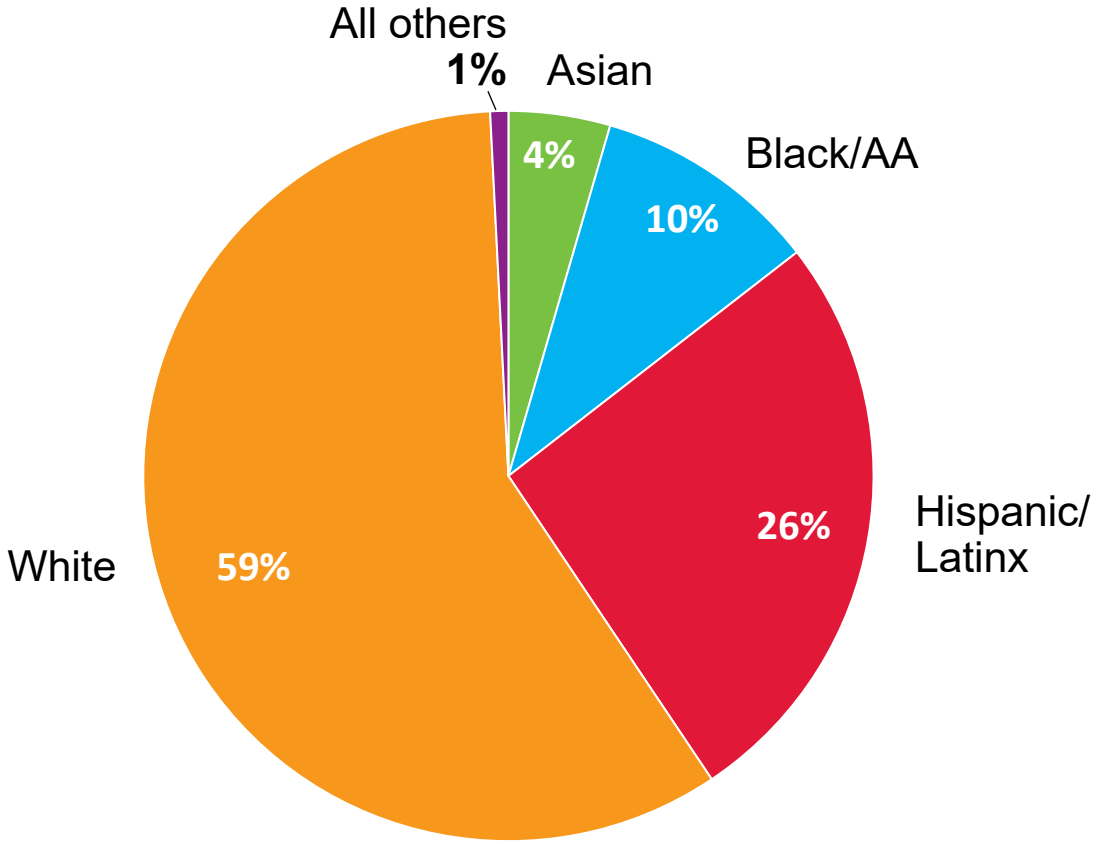
Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett is a viral immunologist at the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health. Dr. Corbett's team began the first stage of clinical trials. They took the knowledge they gained in the last six years of research and applied it to a vaccine platform in collaboration with Moderna. The vaccine rolled out 10 months later. Dr. Corbett is from Hurdle Mills, NC.

The vaccines are tested, safe, and effective.

- All vaccines are rigorously tested for safety and effectiveness.
- More than 70,000 people volunteered in clinical trials for two vaccines—Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna - to make sure the vaccines were safe and worked to prevent COVID-19.
- To date, the vaccines are 95% effective in preventing COVID-19.
- There were no serious safety concerns in the clinical trials with either vaccine.
- You could have temporary reactions like a sore arm, headache, or feeling tired and achy for a day or two.

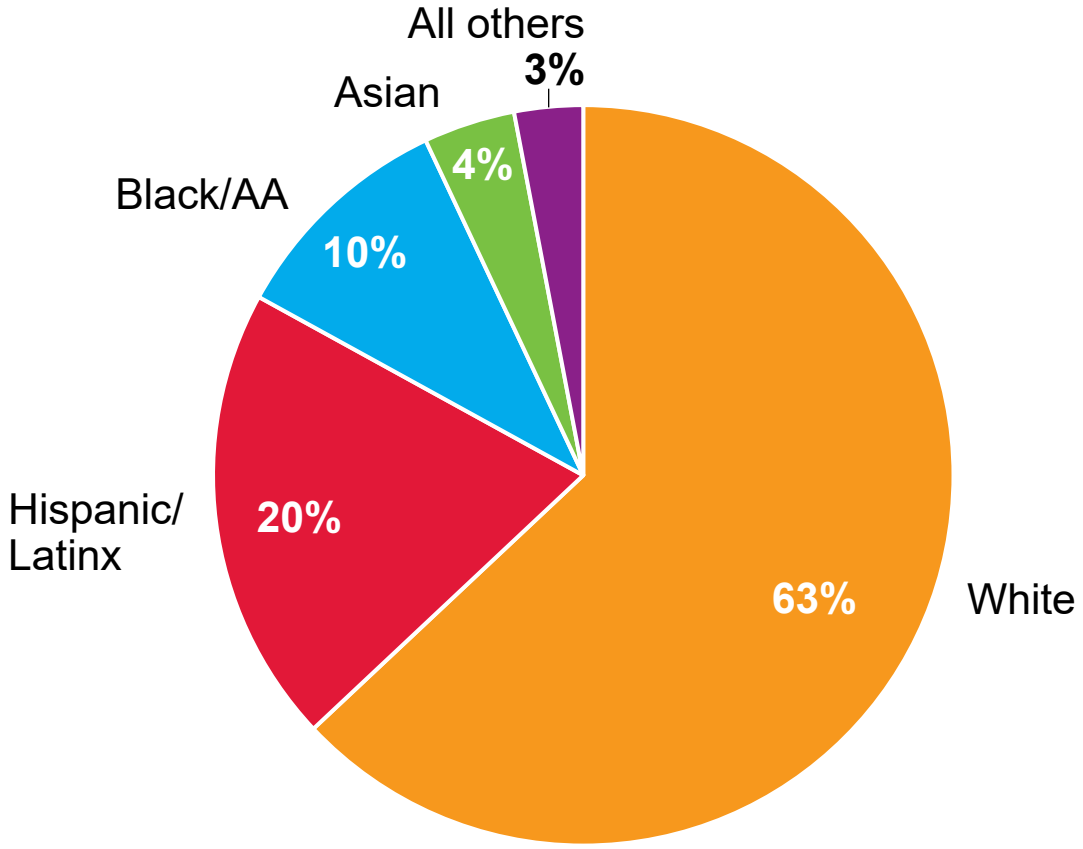
There have been intentional efforts to recruit volunteers from historically marginalized populations.

Pfizer BIONTECH



Source: https://www.pfizer.com/science/coronavirus/vaccine

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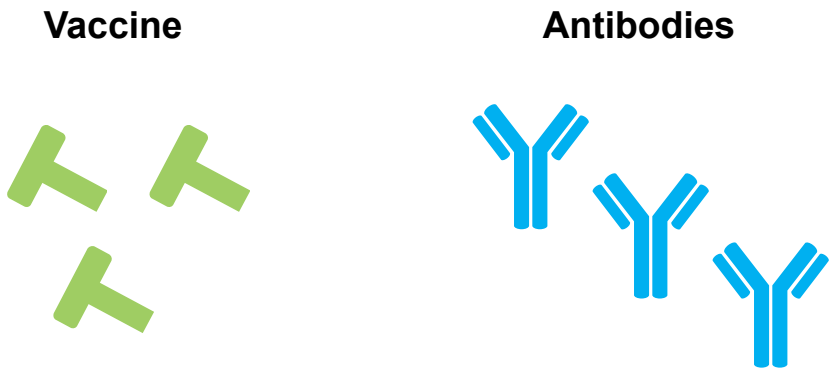
Source: https://www.modernatx.com/sites/default/files/content_documents/2020-COVE-Study-Enrollment-Completion-10.22.20.pdf

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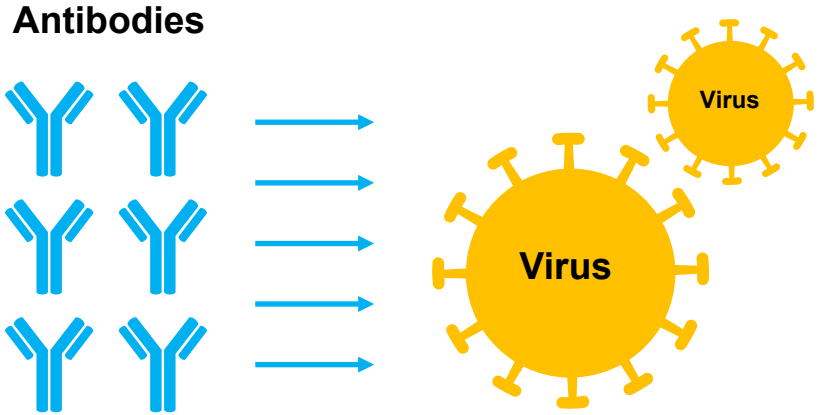
Vaccines safely increase your body's natural ability to fight the virus before the virus attacks you. That's how you win, and the virus loses. Here is how the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines work:

Vaccines imitate COVID without giving it to you.



The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines give your body instructions to make a protein that safely teaches your body how to make an antibody to fight the real COVID-19.

You can fight off the real virus if it tries to attack you.



After getting vaccinated, you develop the ability to fight off the real virus because your body is strong enough and knows how to win.

Two shots are necessary—and we have a plan to help everyone get both doses.

- The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require two shots to build up strong immunity against COVID-19.
- The second shot will come 3 to 4 weeks after the first.
- It is important to get two doses of the same vaccine.
- We built a system—the COVID-19 Vaccine Management System—to help make sure people are safe and get the right second dose at the right time.

More than 5.9 million Americans have received their first dose as of 1/7/21



Frank Jones Wilson, Community Leader



Former Governor Jim Hunt



“I want to be around my grandkids. I enjoy being out. The sooner people get vaccinated, the sooner we can finally get ahead of this. Just as more and more people began wearing masks, I think we’ll see a growing number of people who want to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.”

- Representative Shelly Willingham

Your privacy and personal information are protected at all times.

- Nothing in the vaccine can be tracked—the protein your body makes cannot be tracked and it disappears after it finishes making you stronger.
- Personal information about your vaccination and health are protected at all times.

Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

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For more information: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov

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COVID-19 Vaccinations in North Carolina: January 2021

Who is being vaccinated now?

Health care workers: Such as doctors, nurses and those caring for and cleaning areas

Long-term care staff and residents: People living and working in places like skilled nursing facilities or group homes

Older Adults: Limited supplies mean those age 65 and over may have to wait, but they have one of the first spots to take their shot

Where are they being vaccinated?

Health care workers: In hospitals or local health departments that have received early shipments of the vaccine

Long-term care staff and residents: The federal government manages vaccinations for most long-term care facilities. Most will be vaccinated at their facilities under the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program with CVS and Walgreens

Older Adults: Call the COVID-19 line at 1-877-490-6642, visit YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov, or contact their local health department or hospital

Leading medical and professional organizations are encouraging Americans to get vaccinated























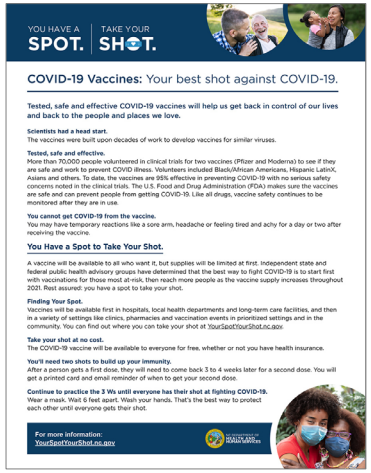




Online Resources | Updated Regularly

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One-page flyer on COVID-19 vaccines to distribute


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You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
You may have temporary reactions like a sore arm, headache or feeling tired and achy for a day or two after receiving the vaccine.

You Have a Spot to Take Your Shot.

A vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. Independent state and federal public health advisory groups have determined that the best way to fight COVID-19 is to start first with vaccinations for those most at-risk, then reach more people as the vaccine supply increases throughout 2021. Rest assured: you have a spot to take your shot.

Finding Your Spot.
Vaccines will be available first in hospitals, local health departments and long-term care facilities, and then in a variety of settings like clinics, pharmacies and vaccination events in prioritized settings and in the community. You can find out where you can take your shot at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.

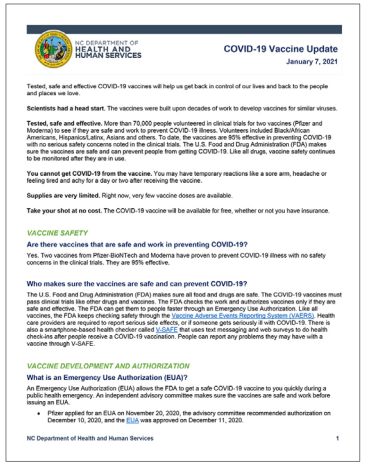
Take your shot at no cost.
The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to everyone for free, whether or not you have health insurance.

You'll need two shots to build up your immunity.
After a person gets a first dose, they will need to come back 3 to 4 weeks later for a second dose. You will get a printed card and email reminder of when to get your second dose.

Continue to practice the 3 Ws until everyone has their shot at fighting COVID-19.
Wear a mask. Wait 6 feet apart. Wash your hands. That's the best way to protect each other until everyone gets their shot.

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Frequently Asked Questions *(updating weekly)*


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COVID-19 Vaccine Update
January 7, 2021

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Supplies are very limited. Right now, very few vaccine doses are available.

Take your shot at no cost. The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for free, whether or not you have insurance.

VACCINE SAFETY

Are there vaccines that are safe and work in preventing COVID-19?
Yes. Two vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna have proven to prevent COVID-19 illness with no safety concerns in the clinical trials. They are 95% effective.

Who makes sure the vaccines are safe and can prevent COVID-19?
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) makes sure all food and drugs are safe. The COVID-19 vaccines must pass clinical trials like other drugs and vaccines. The FDA checks the work and authorizes vaccines only if they are safe and effective. The FDA can get them to people faster through an Emergency Use Authorization. Like all vaccines, the FDA keeps checking safety through the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS). Health care providers are required to report serious side effects, or if someone gets seriously ill with COVID-19. There is also a smartphone-based health checker called V-SAFE that uses text messaging and web surveys to do health check-ins after people receive a COVID-19 vaccination. People can report any problems they may have with a vaccine through V-SAFE.

VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?
An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) allows the FDA to get a safe COVID-19 vaccine to you quickly during a public health emergency. An independent advisory committee makes sure the vaccines are safe and work before issuing an EUA.

- Pfizer applied for an EUA on November 20, 2020, the advisory committee recommended authorization on December 10, 2020, and the EUA was approved on December 11, 2020.

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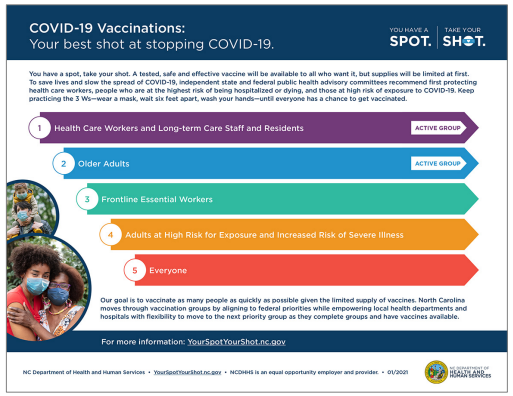
COVID-19 vaccines 101 deck


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Infographic on prioritization


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You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 Ws—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

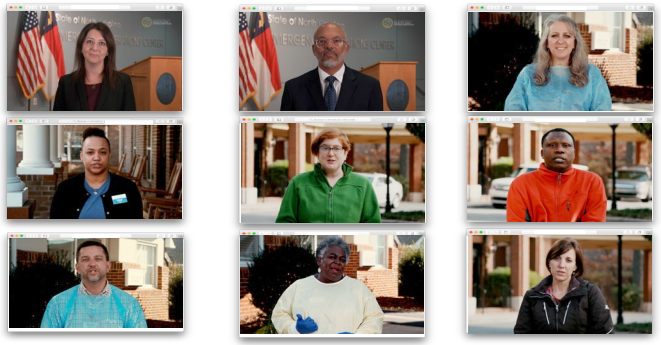
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PSA videos from trusted messengers



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Keep practicing the 3 Ws: Wear, Wait, and Wash.



- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine and following the 3 Ws is everyone's best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.
- Continue using the 3 Ws and limiting social gatherings until most people are vaccinated.
- Getting back in control, getting back to family and friends, and getting kids back to school will take some time—but the COVID-19 vaccine and the 3 Ws will get us there quicker and safer.

Let's work together to share information. Help distribute information and materials: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov

- **Help direct people to "their spot" for reliable information about the vaccine**: Maybe it's you, now that you have new vaccine knowledge

- **Show people that you trust the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines**: Share your positive experience when you have your shot against COVID-19—use our tip sheet to create and share your own video to promote vaccination: files.nc.gov/covid/documents/vaccines/NC-Vaccine-Selfie-Video-Tip-Sheet.pdf

- **Use and share the COVID-19 vaccine communications materials to make sure more North Carolinians have accurate and up-to-date information on the vaccines**: Find them at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov

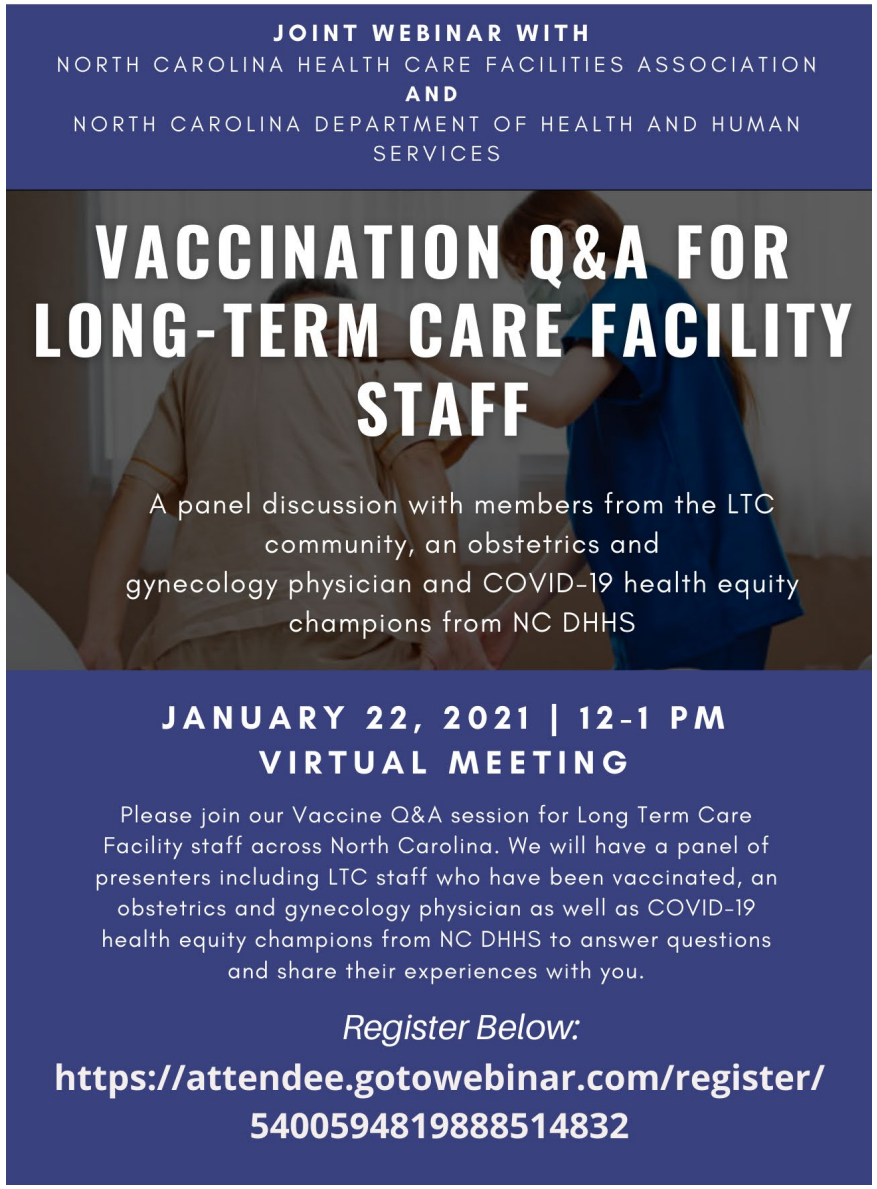
LTC Vaccination Provider Enrollment

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NC LTC Vaccination Statistics – as of 1/20/2021

Number of Clinics Completed	Total Number of Bed Covered to Date	Total Residents Receiving First Dose	Total Residents Receiving Second Dose	Total Staff Members Receiving First Dose	Total Staff Members Receiving Second Dose	Total Program Vaccinations
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Registration Link is available in the chat. Looking forward to your attendance in the Q&A session


Let’s talk.

Q&A

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Q&A

How do residents that were discharged after the first dose receive vaccine?

LTC facilities can inform residents who have been discharged upon completion of the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine that they can return to the facility during the next clinic date for their second dose. CVS and Walgreens teams can provide the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the appropriate clinic dates based on when the first dosage was administered.

Q&A

If a resident of my facility has received their first dose of COVID vaccine during a CVS/Walgreens vaccination clinic and is hospitalized on or near the date their second vaccination is due, will the hospital have access to that patients COVID vaccination record to review when the second dose should be provided and what manufacturer was used?

We are currently working to incorporating CVS/Walgreens clinic data into the CVMS system so that hospital providers enrolled with CVMS will be able to search for a patients COVID vaccination record