**COVID-19 Vaccine Resources: What Partners Need to Know Now**

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As COVID-19 vaccines begin rolling out across the country, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking action to protect the health and safety of our nation’s patients and providers and keeping you updated on the latest COVID-19 resources from HHS, CDC and CMS.

We are compiling resources and materials to help you share important and relevant information on the COVID- 19 Vaccine with the people you serve. You can find these and more resources on the [CMS COVID-19 Policies & Guidance](https://www.cms.gov/covidvax) and the [HHS COVID Education Campaign page](https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/education-campaign).

**What can you do right now to help promote vaccine safety and encourage Medicare beneficiaries to get vaccinated when they have the opportunity?**

1. Shared Goals:

We all want to fight COVID spread and get to a place where the people we serve can get back to normal, to do this we need to continue the [3W](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html)s (Wear, Wait, Wash) and [promote vaccinations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html) – especially among those who are hesitant.

1. Share Information with Medicare Beneficiaries:

Once the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to you:

* **You will need 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine** **for it to be effective.** When you receive your first dose, make sure to schedule your second dose.
* [**Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine**](https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=9a0508ba-c59e306e-9a053985-0cc47a6d17cc-29a08d18162b5944&q=1&e=335534e1-2e9f-4237-94f5-14a202c9682e&u=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMTIuMzMxNjI2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tZWRpY2FyZS5nb3YvY292ZXJhZ2UvY29yb25hdmlydXMtZGlzZWFzZS0yMDE5LWNvdmlkLTE5LXZhY2NpbmU_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPTIwMjEwMTEyX2N2ZF9wcnZfZ2FsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWVuZ2xpc2gmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.8IntCAvipcYB43UqduGBe34aq6YbIu6FDVKZfjVuKtA%2Fs%2F965607044%2Fbr%2F92970434792-l)**,** so there will be no cost to you.
* State governments are handling the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. [Look for updates from your state and local officials](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html) as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.
* Visit [**CDC.gov**](https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=a5906481-fa0b5c55-a59055be-0cc47a6d17cc-fae30f534b27240f&q=1&e=335534e1-2e9f-4237-94f5-14a202c9682e&u=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMTIuMzMxNjI2NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi92YWNjaW5lcy9pbmRleC5odG1sP3V0bV9jYW1wYWlnbj0yMDIxMDExMl9jdmRfcHJ2X2dhbCZ1dG1fY29udGVudD1lbmdsaXNoJnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.w0eiQIsdf_LYTyoNUVOz5RM2i2NSGc9vGYH13BlseAU%2Fs%2F965607044%2Fbr%2F92970434792-l) for additional trustworthy information on the COVID-19 vaccines.
* For more information on your Medicare coverage, visit [**Medicare.gov**](http://www.medicare.gov/).
1. Encourage Medicare Beneficiaries to get the vaccine:
	* The vaccine will help keep you from getting COVID-19. [Learn more about the benefits of the vaccine.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html#%3A%7E%3Atext%3DCOVID%2D19%20vaccination%20will%20be%2Cthese%20measures%20are%20not%20enough)
	* Did you know that COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19? They will also not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests. [Learn more facts about COVID-19 vaccines.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits/facts.html)
	* Once it is your turn to get vaccinated, here’s [what to expect after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine](https://www.facebook.com/CDC/videos/703136773739890).

## After Vaccination: A couple of things to [keep in mind:](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html)

* + - You’ll be observed for about 15 minutes after you get the vaccine to [monitor for any immediate adverse effects.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.html)
		- Side effects can be similar to the flu symptoms, but they should go away in a few days.
		- Your body will need time to fully develop protection once you’ve been vaccinated, just like any other vaccine.
		- Continue to practice the 3Ws even after vaccination. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.
1. Additional COVID-19 Resources to share broadly:

**CDC.gov**

* [Tell Me More - Vaccine Safety](https://youtu.be/V8ey3WYxQuQ) Video
* [CDC COVID-19 Vaccines Page](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)
* [CDC's tips on How to Protect Yourself and Others](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMjIuMzIzODYzNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi9wcmV2ZW50LWdldHRpbmctc2ljay9wcmV2ZW50aW9uLmh0bWw_dXRtX2NhbXBhaWduPTIwMjAxMjIyX2N2ZF9wcnZfZ2FsJnV0bV9jb250ZW50PWVuZ2xpc2gmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.fbdmO7VWsJ8x5yyll6y8wZwNp1FXZmky7-qKPERBXBs/s/978947157/br/92256481971-l)
* [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-systems-communication-toolkit.html)
* [CDC Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/index.html)

**HHS.gov**

* [HHS Combat COVID website](https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/)
* [COVID-19 Vaccine Education Effort: Content for Healthcare Providers video series](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLdSSKSOSBh4mcQbLK0NnLo8iP5TNqUCOf&webSyncID=662d92e5-8115-cad2-bbc3-c8ecac2309d1&sessionGUID=07d167e4-d998-05b4-b2c8-9e16d6ace07d)

**Medicare.gov**

* [Medicare & Coronavirus page](https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus)
* [Medicare coverage page on COVID-19 vaccines](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccine)
* [Medicare Coverage page on COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-monoclonal-antibody-treatments)
* [Medicare fraud page](https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/help-fight-medicare-fraud)

**CMS.gov**

* [COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance](https://www.cms.gov/covidvax)
* [COVID-19 Partner Resource](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-partner-toolkit)s Page

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