**Medicare Outreach Idea of the Month**

**Encourage Vaccinations and other Preventive Services**

**June 2021**

Signs of hope are springing up throughout Wisconsin as the pandemic restrictions are loosening and more people are getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Encourage more people in your community to get vaccinated by sharing the article (found below) on this topic from the Medicare Blog. Use it in your agency newsletter or link to it from your Facebook page or other social media. Additional information and resources about COVID-19 and Medicare can be found [here](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccine).

This is also a good time to remind Medicare beneficiaries about preventive benefits that can help them stay healthy. Share the following post on your agency Facebook page:

*Find better health with Medicare covered preventive services, cancer screenings, and yearly wellness visits. Watch this* [*video*](https://youtu.be/3ljyLlaDUEU) *from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to learn more. For local assistance with your Medicare questions, contact <YOUR AGENCY INFORMATION HERE>.*

Continue to keep Medicare beneficiaries informed about preventive benefits throughout the year by using [articles for Medicare outreach](https://gwaar.org/articles) in your agency newsletter from the GWAAR Medicare Outreach and Assistance website. Scroll to *Prevention* to view these articles.

**To view all the GWAAR Medicare Outreach and Assistance Resources, follow the link to our webpage:**

<https://gwaar.org/medicare-outreach-and-assistance-resources>

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**Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine to Help End the Public Health Emergency**

Have you gotten your coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine yet? According to the CDC, more than 42 million people 65 or older have gotten at least one vaccine dose in the U.S., and more than 36 million people 65 or older are fully vaccinated. Everyone 16 years and older is now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines are [safe and effective](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html). After you’ve been fully vaccinated, you can [start to do some things](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html) that you had to stop doing because of the public health emergency. Also, getting vaccinated is a great way to show your family, friends, and community that you care about them.

Medicare covers the [COVID-19 vaccine](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccine) at no cost to you. Just be sure to bring your red, white, and blue Medicare card when you get your vaccine, so your health care provider or pharmacy can bill Medicare. You’ll need your Medicare card even if you’re enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider near you and to see what vaccines are available at different locations, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov/).

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