



# 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. We will keep [uhc.com](https://www.uhc.com) updated as more information on locations becomes available.

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

Once FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are publicly available, you will be able to get the vaccine at \$0 cost-share, no matter where you get the vaccine and including when two doses are required, based on the following:

- **Employer and Individual\* health plans:** Members will have \$0 cost-share at both in- and out-of-network providers through the national public health emergency period.
- **Medicare health plans:** Members will have \$0 cost-share on vaccines at both in- and out-of-network providers through Dec. 31, 2021.
- **Medicaid:** For Medicaid individuals in UnitedHealthcare Community Plans, state variations and regulations may apply during this time. Please review the **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan website** and your state's site for the latest information. If no state-specific guidance is available, UnitedHealthcare plan guidelines will apply.

## 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 doctor visits are up to date
- Wear a mask
- Continue to socially distance
- Wash your hands

The COVID-19 vaccine situation is changing quickly. The **CDC website** is the best resource for COVID-19 information.

Visit [uhc.com](https://www.uhc.com) for COVID-19 resources available through your health plan.

\*Does not apply to short-term limited duration health plans. Talk to your UnitedHealthcare representative for more details. The information is a summary and is subject to change, as of November 2020. It describes benefits we offer to all members in all states. It also includes federal requirements. More benefits may be available in some states and under some plans.