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## Talking to People with Medicare about the COVID-19 Vaccine

### **Does Medicare cover the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Medicare covers FDA-authorized coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines.

### **What's the cost?**

Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine and administration of the vaccine at no cost to people with Medicare. Providers can bill Medicare for the administration.

### **What's the status of the vaccine?**

The federal government is purchasing COVID-19 vaccines and distributing them through the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Pharmaceutical manufacturers are distributing vaccines to federally and state-approved locations. Each state has its own plan for deciding who they'll vaccinate first and how residents can get vaccines. Most people with Medicare are at higher risk for COVID-19 and eligible to get the vaccine during an early phase. For more information on vaccines in your area and to see who's eligible, check with your local health department.

## How can you help?

- Remind patients that they can get the vaccine at no cost to them.
- Tell people to bring their red, white, and blue Medicare card when they get their vaccine, even if they have a Medicare Advantage Plan. Their vaccine provider will need their Medicare Number to bill Medicare. If they need to print a new copy of their card, they can visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) for instructions.
- Encourage patients and communities to get all recommended immunizations, including the COVID-19 vaccine. They should get the vaccine to protect them from getting COVID-19 and keep them from spreading it to others.
- Direct people to visit their local health departments to see when and where they can get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Alert people to watch for scammers. Scammers are fraudulently asking people with Medicare for their Medicare Numbers with promises of getting them on a list or early access to the vaccine. Tell them not to share their personal or financial information with these people.
- Encourage people to report a provider they think is potentially violating any of the requirements on the CDC's website or in this tip sheet (like charging them to get a vaccine) to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, by calling 1-800-HHS-TIPS or visiting [TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://www.TIPS.HHS.GOV).

## Where can you get more information?

- For more information on Medicare coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine and other related services, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov).
- For key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the CDC's website.
- For more information on vaccine progress, visit the CDC's website.
- For additional partner resources, visit the CMS COVID-19 Partner Resources Page.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/nondiscrimination/accessibility-nondiscrimination.html](https://www.Medicare.gov/about-us/nondiscrimination/accessibility-nondiscrimination.html), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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