



## **COVID-19 Vaccine Resources: What Partners Need to Know Now Friday, January 15th**

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](#) and the [HHS COVID Education Campaign page](#).

### **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 [3Ws](#) (Wear, Wait, Wash) and [promote vaccinations](#) – especially among those who are hesitant.

#### 2) 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**, 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](#) as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.
- Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for additional trustworthy information on the COVID-19 vaccines.
- For more information on your Medicare coverage, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

### 3) 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](#).
- 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](#).
- Once it is your turn to get vaccinated, here's [what to expect after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine](#).
- After Vaccination: A couple of things to **keep in mind**:
  - 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.

### 4) Additional COVID-19 Resources to share broadly:

#### **CDC.gov**

- [Tell Me More - Vaccine Safety Video](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccines Page](#)
- [CDC's tips on How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)
- [CDC Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit](#)

#### **HHS.gov**

- [HHS Combat COVID website](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Education Effort: Content for Healthcare Providers video series](#)

## **Medicare.gov**

- [Medicare & Coronavirus page](#)
- [Medicare coverage page on COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Medicare Coverage page on COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments](#)
- [Medicare fraud page](#)

## **CMS.gov**

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Partner Resources Page](#)

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