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You can also get your COVID-19 Vaccine at any Provider with $0 Copay.

# Get your COVID-19 vaccine for $0 copay.

Our lives changed pretty drastically due to COVID-19. We changed how we shop, educate our children, and how we think about health care.

**But our goal never changed – to make access to that care convenient and affordable.**

Now that COVID-19 vaccines are approved by the FDA for emergency use, we're making sure you receive yours as quickly and safely as possible at a local pharmacy. The pharmacy won't charge a copay and it's typically faster than your physician's office. Just make sure you take your member ID card and receive your vaccine from the pharmacy, not the pharmacy's on-site clinic.

## $0 copay
at your local pharmacy

**CALL YOUR PHARMACY BEFORE VISITING TO:**

- Check if the pharmacy is able to administer the COVID-19 vaccines.
- Make sure they have vaccines available.
- Schedule your appointment, if necessary.

**Not available at your local pharmacy? No problem. You can get your vaccine at any pharmacy at no cost to you.**

**Need more information? Call the Fund Office at 845-425-0210 or e-mail vinnie@local754funds.org.**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE:

### Q. When can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) issued the first emergency use authorization for the COVID-19 vaccine. It is anticipated that the initial vaccine supply will be limited, and therefore allocated to health care personnel and Long-Term Care (LTC) residents and staff. However, the vaccine supply will increase over time and all adults should be able to be vaccinated in 2021.

### Q: How will we know that a COVID-19 vaccine is both safe and effective?

A: Express Scripts looks to the FDA and CDC to determine if the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Express Scripts will make all FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines available to members, and we will continue to monitor the latest guidance from leading public health organizations to ensure member safety. You can find helpful videos about vaccine safety and distribution at www.evernorth.com/tag/clinically-speaking-dr-wig or visit the CDC's website for more information.

### Q: What are the differences between the leading vaccine candidates?

A: There are three main platforms that vaccine manufacturers are using to develop COVID-19 vaccines. A central theme is that all vaccine candidates are focusing on developing immunity to the "S protein," a component of the COVID-19 virus that is critical to allow itself to attach to receptors within our body and infect our cells. By developing vaccines that promote an immune response in our body against this specific protein, the available clinical trial data has shown encouraging results in preventing significant disease and/or transmission. Another difference between the candidates is differing storage requirements which could vary from simple refrigeration to deep freezing.

### Q: Who gets priority access to the vaccine?

A: Priorities will be outlined in state planning documents, but we expect priority will be given to the most vulnerable, such as nursing home residents, along with frontline health care workers. You may periodically check your State Health Department's site for updates on who is eligible to receive the vaccine. The CDC provides a link to accredited State Departments of Health here.

### Q: Will I need to get the vaccine every year?

A: At this time, the answer is unclear. Viruses tend to mutate over time, plus we do not yet completely understand how long vaccinations may provide protection from COVID-19 infection. This is a matter that will continue to be studied by the medical and scientific community.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations, visit the CDC website.