

Group & Individual News

COVID-19 Conversations: Vaccine basics

As you and your clients prepare for the vaccine rollout in your state, we'd like to answer some commonly asked questions about vaccines, including who should get them and why. You can also visit the [CDC website](#) at any time for the latest information.

- **When can I get the vaccine?**

The initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines is expected to be limited, so the CDC is making recommendations about who should be vaccinated first. Each state will have the ability to make some decisions about the distribution of vaccines based on their own circumstances. Visit your [local health department's website](#) or the [National Academy for State Health Policy website](#) for more information about vaccine distribution plans.

- **Will vaccination stop the transmission of the virus?**

While the vaccine can eliminate symptoms in individuals, it's not yet clear that getting it will reduce transmission of the virus, even if no symptoms are showing. Because it's possible to have COVID-19 without knowing it, vaccinated people should continue to wear a mask, wash their hands, and observe social distancing to limit the spread of the virus.

- **Should people get vaccinated if they've already had COVID-19?**

Yes. People who've already been infected with the virus can get vaccinated. Some evidence suggests that they can be re-infected and may benefit from vaccination. Vaccines should be offered to people regardless of COVID-19 infection history.

- **How many shots of the vaccine are needed?**

The CDC recommends two shots given 3 to 4 weeks apart, depending on which vaccine is given. Members should go back to the same place they received the first dose to get their second dose. This helps ensure both doses of the same vaccine are delivered.

- **Will I have to pay for the vaccine?**

No. Under the CARES Act, there will be \$0 member cost share for the vaccine and its administration during the national public health emergency no matter where members get vaccinated. This applies to all members of Anthem's health insurance plans and most self-insured plans.

We're here to help you and your clients stay informed. Visit Anthem's [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) site often for important updates and helpful tools and resources. And remind your clients that our [COVID-19 Test Site Finder](#) tool makes it easy to find a COVID-19 testing location near home or work.

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