

# BROKER BLAST

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## Important COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

**Please help Kaiser Permanente by sharing this news with your clients as appropriate**

We're proud that Kaiser Permanente received approval to administer the COVID-19 vaccine in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. As an approved vaccine provider, we began to receive a limited supply to vaccinate those who qualify in each jurisdiction.

**Current vaccine supply is limited, and vaccination will happen in phases.**

While more doses are being produced to meet the demand, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have identified high-risk, high-priority groups who will receive vaccines first. Each state is reviewing the guidance from the CDC and ACIP and defining the phases for vaccine administration in their state.

As supplies of the vaccine increase, each jurisdiction will give us instruction to move to the next phase of vaccinations. We will update the following webpages with that information as it happens.

- [kp.org/mdvaccine](https://kp.org/mdvaccine)
- [kp.org/dcvaccine](https://kp.org/dcvaccine)
- [kp.org/vavaccine](https://kp.org/vavaccine)

**We will contact members to set up an appointment for the vaccine.** When members qualify to receive the vaccine and the state supplies us

with enough vaccine doses, we will contact members to set up an appointment for the vaccination. The fastest way for us to contact members when they qualify for the vaccine is by sending a secure email through [kp.org](https://kp.org). If the member is not registered on [kp.org](https://kp.org), we will attempt to schedule the appointment by phone. If we cannot reach the member by [kp.org](https://kp.org) or phone, we will send a letter.

**The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective, and crucial to ending the pandemic.**

Currently, vaccines (both the first and the second dose) are being provided at no cost. We encourage members to make the time to get vaccinated when we contact them.

An email will be sent out to all your Kaiser Permanente employer groups. Members will receive letters with information specific to their state or jurisdiction, text messages and automated phone calls.