

CDC UPDATES INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

As vaccinations to prevent COVID-19 begin in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that healthcare professionals get vaccinated and maintain other prevention measures to keep them, their families, and their patients healthy.

The CDC is working with healthcare associations and partners to develop vaccination programs. With more COVID-19 vaccines expected to become available, the CDC recently provided the following information on vaccination plans:



The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority in the U.S. vaccine safety system.



At first, COVID-19 vaccinations are not being recommended for children younger than 16, but clinical trials continue to expand.



The first authorized COVID-19 vaccines are being administered under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



A COVID-19 vaccination can have side effects, and some people may feel like they have the flu. But symptoms should go away in a few days.



A limited supply of vaccines became available in December 2020, but the supply is expected to increase in the following months. In addition, many other vaccines are being developed and tested.



Cost will not be an obstacle to getting vaccinated against COVID-19 because U.S. taxpayer dollars have purchased these vaccine doses. However, providers can charge fees for administering vaccinations.



Some at-risk groups, such as healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents, are recommended for vaccination first.



As we await more widespread use of vaccinations, keep following CDC guidelines to minimize your risk of infection:

- Avoid crowds.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth (no cheating).
- Keep six feet apart.
- Wash your hands frequently.



Everyone who receives one of the initial COVID-19 vaccinations will need two doses of the vaccine. The second dose must be administered three to four weeks depending on the manufacturer after the first.