



COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved COVID-19 vaccines for use, here are some things to keep in mind about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- **They're covered at no cost to you.** All our health plans will cover the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you in and out of network (during the public health emergency). As availability increases, you can get the vaccine at your doctor's office, pharmacy and other locations.* Call Customer Service at the number on your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois member ID card to help locate an in-network health care provider near you.
- **The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority.** The FDA uses a set of criteria to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccines available have been approved by the FDA.
- **There may be a limited supply of vaccines at first.** Federal and state health officials are working with the medical community on the rollout plan for the COVID-19 vaccines.
- **You may need more than one shot for effectiveness.** Some of the COVID-19 vaccines require two doses. Once you receive your first dose, make sure to ask about receiving your second dose of the same vaccine before leaving.
- **Talk to your health care provider.** Your doctor or pharmacist can answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and when you should get it.
- **Be aware of scammers.** Criminals are using COVID-19 as a chance to commit health care fraud. Be wary if you get a call about COVID-19 and guard your private information.



For other resources and information about COVID-19 and you, visit our COVID-19 website at bcbsil.com/covid-19. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and [FDA](https://www.fda.gov) have more information about the COVID-19 vaccine.