



# There's a COVID Vaccine. Now what?

Now that the FDA has approved vaccines for emergency use, you may wonder what's next for you and your family. Here are some of the basics you need to know.

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## It could take a while to get everyone vaccinated.

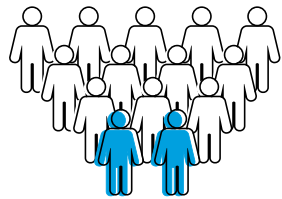
Since vaccines for COVID-19 are new, it will take time to build the supply. Because of this, not everyone will be able to get one right away. Until the vaccines are widely available, when you can get one is based on which phase you are grouped in.

The CDC and federal government have made recommendations on who gets the vaccine first to provide the most public health benefit.

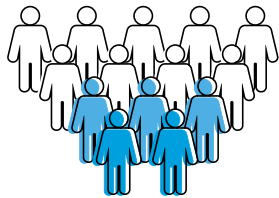
Tennessee has taken those recommendations and created a phased vaccine approach. Your health and the kind of work you do are important factors.

# Here's what the phases might look like, but this information could change.

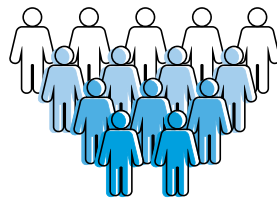
The [Tennessee Department of Health](#) is a good resource for up-to-date information on vaccine phases.



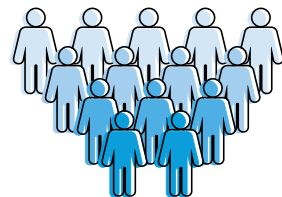
**PHASE 1.** High risk people like healthcare workers, first responders and people considered high risk due to age or health conditions\*



**PHASE 2.** Moderate risk people like childcare workers and staff, and people living in prisons or homeless shelters\*



**PHASE 3.** Lower risk people like healthy young adults, children and workers whose jobs put them in high contact with the public\*



**PHASE 4.** Anyone who hasn't been vaccinated yet

\*This is not a detailed list of who is included in each phase.

### **Approved vaccines are considered safe by the FDA.**

The clinical trials for each vaccine given emergency approval have included safety testing. The first phase of a vaccine trial is to test its safety. Vaccine manufacturers have been creating vaccines for decades, and that knowledge and safety record have been included in the COVID-19 vaccine development.

You can read more about how vaccines are tested throughout their development by visiting the [CDC's website](#).

### **Getting vaccinated shouldn't cost you anything.**

You won't have any out-of-pocket costs for the vaccine. Some providers may charge for an office visit to give the vaccine, but the vaccine itself won't cost you anything. Because COVID-19 vaccination is a national effort, not every provider is giving the vaccine. Check with the [Tennessee Department of Health](#) and [VaccineFinder.org](#) for vaccine locations.

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### **WE'RE RIGHT HERE.**

We're keeping an eye on this developing situation so we can bring up-to-date news and information to our neighbors across the state. We'll keep you posted as more news becomes available. Check for updates at [bcbstupdates.com](#).

### **You'll likely be given a card as a record that you've had the vaccine.**

The CDC has created a vaccination card that will be given to everyone who gets vaccinated. It will show you when your second dose is due and would be proof of your vaccine.

The vaccine won't be mandatory from a governmental level, but employers and businesses are allowed to require proof of vaccination for work or to receive services. Every business will decide if they will require proof of the vaccine or not.

BlueCross doesn't require it for members of our health plans, and it won't affect your benefits if you choose not to get it. But we encourage everyone who can get a vaccine to get one. If you have questions about whether you'll be required to get the vaccine to return to work, talk to your employer.



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ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. auf der Rückseite Ihrer Mitglieds-ID-Karte oder 1-800-565-9140 (TTY: 1-800-848-0298) an.

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