



Keeping You In The Know

In December 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* approved the first COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use. Here is some information about the vaccines to help you make an informed health care decision.

The cost of vaccine administration is covered under your health plan. You won't pay anything to receive the vaccine during the public health emergency period, regardless of whether the vaccine is administered from an in-network or out-of-network provider.

Vaccines are being distributed in phases. Due to limited supplies, rollout varies according to state and federal regulations. Please consult South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)* for its [vaccine distribution schedule](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* website lists the state health departments.

Watch out for scams. Federal agencies have asked the public to be aware of potentially fraudulent activity as

it relates to COVID-19 vaccine distribution. If someone contacts you promising access to the vaccine for a fee, do not share your personal or financial information.

Contact your health care provider for more information.

If you have questions about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines, please consult your primary care provider. For help locating an in-network provider near you, use our Find Care tool, accessible through My Health Toolkit®. You can also visit the CDC [website](#) for reliable information.

Please continue to take safety precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask, wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, practice social distancing, and get a flu vaccine. The vaccine is a powerful tool in the fight against COVID-19, but the basic safety guidelines remain effective and necessary.

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration are independent organizations that provide health information you may find helpful.

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