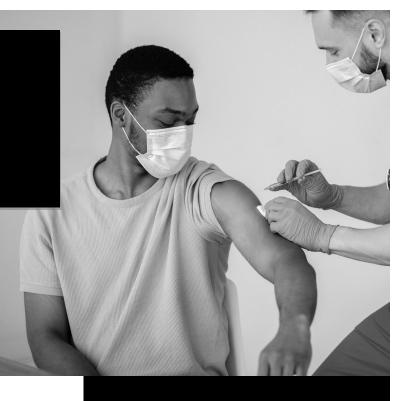# COVID-19 Vaccine What You Need To Know

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine help protect you and those around you, and it's critical to helping safely return to normal activity with friends and family.

Who's eligible?

The vaccine is currently being distributed in a phased approach. First in line: anyone 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, health care workers and those considered high risk by hospital medical staff. Keep in touch with your doctor or local health department to find out when it's your turn.*

Safety is a top priority

Vaccines are developed under strict guidance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They're thoroughly reviewed for safety and effectiveness before they receive emergency use authorization. The vaccines are tested on individuals of different ages, races, and ethnicities, as well as those with different medical conditions. For your protection, the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are continually monitoring the safety and quality of authorized vaccines.

Keep up your healthy habits

Whether you've received your vaccine or you're waiting for your turn, it's important to continue staying safe by:

- **Wearing a mask**
- **Maintaining a safe distance from others**
- **Avoiding crowds**
- **Washing hands often**

Be ready to roll up your sleeve when it's your turn to get the vaccine.

We all miss celebrating together with family, attending concerts or sporting events, and hugging our friends. The vaccine is our best way to combat COVID-19 and get back to what we love. Be ready to do your part and help your community return to normal.

Visit floridablue.com/vaccine for more info. Or if you have vaccine questions or need further assistance, our local Florida Blue Center Nurses and Community Specialists are available at **1-877-352-5830** to assist anyone in our community.

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