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COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Information and Resources

The PFF Medical Team is monitoring the development of vaccines and treatments for COVID-19.

Two vaccines have been approved for [Emergency Use Authorization](#) by the FDA. In accordance with [Recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation strongly encourages vaccination for COVID-19, as the benefits far outweigh the risks. To ensure that you are not part of the limited population for whom vaccination is not recommended at this time, reach out to your primary care physician and pulmonologist for more information.

You can access up-to-date information about vaccine types, authorized and recommended vaccines, and vaccines in Phase 3 clinical trials on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](#), which will be updated as additional information is available. You can access other general information about vaccines for COVID-19 on the CDC's website [here](#).

On December 1, 2020, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunizations (ACIP) established that available COVID-19 vaccines will first be offered to health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities. On December 22, 2020, the CDC recommended that frontline essential workers (such as fire fighters, police officers, food and agricultural workers, those who work in the education sector, etc.) and people aged 75 years and older should be included in Phase 1b of vaccine distribution. Phase 1c of vaccine distribution will include people aged 65-74 years, people aged 16-64 years with underlying medical conditions, and other essential workers (such as those who work in transportation, food service, housing construction, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, public, health, etc.). You can learn more about which groups may be considered for early vaccination depending on the limited supply available doses of vaccines on the [CDC's Vaccine Recommendations page](#). There currently is not a timeline that indicates when members of the general public will have access to vaccines for COVID-19.

To find out where vaccines will be available in your area, contact your physician, your healthcare facility, or your state department of public health. You can also use the [Vaccine Finder](#) tool to find additional locations in your community that have reported to the CDC that they offer the COVID-19 vaccine.

According to the CDC, vaccine doses supplied for distribution using U.S. taxpayer dollars must be provided to the public at no cost. However, vaccination providers may charge a fee for administering the vaccine. A vaccine recipient's private insurance plan or public health plan may offer reimbursement for the vaccination provider's administration fee. If a vaccine recipient is uninsured, the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund should be able to assist with reimbursement.

In addition to vaccines approved to prevent coronavirus infection, there are a number of treatments for COVID-19 that have received a designation of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the FDA. When there are no adequate, approved, or available alternatives to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions, the FDA Commissioner may grant EUA status to a drug or device to allow patients to access medical products that are not yet approved, or whose use has only been approved to treat other conditions. You can learn more about EUAs and access information about all of the drugs and devices that currently have EUA status for the treatment of COVID-19 on the [FDA website](#).