

COVID-19 vaccines talking points



There are many questions about how the COVID-19 vaccine works, where and when we can get it, and how it will help keep our communities safe.

We must consider our communities' lived experience, historical trauma and identities that inform the way people think, talk, and feel about the COVID-19 vaccines.

The following set of key COVID-19 vaccine talking points can be used to summarize the most important, high-level information available at this time. These talking points are meant to be a starting place to talk about the vaccine — please use them in your outreach to communities.

Talking Points:

- ▶ All of the COVID-19 vaccines protect us from getting very sick and going to the hospital from COVID-19.
- ▶ Like all vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines teach your body to fight against the virus and protect you from getting very sick and going to the hospital.
- ▶ As of June 22, 2022, everyone in Oregon 6 months and older is eligible to get a vaccine.

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- ▶ The vaccine is free for everyone, even if you don't have health insurance.
- ▶ Everyone will be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine, no matter your immigration status. You may be asked for your name and phone number when you get the vaccine, but that information is private.
- ▶ You can find the latest information about how to get the vaccine at govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine, and govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine in Spanish, including events and information in your county.
- ▶ Vaccines may also be available at local pharmacies. Not all pharmacies have the vaccine, so check to make sure before you go. Visit vaccines.gov to find the vaccine location closest to you. Right now, the Vaccine Finder website is only available in English. If you need help in another language, call 211.
- ▶ COVID-19 vaccines have passed many tests to make sure they are safe.
- ▶ They have been tested with thousands of people around the world. Black, Indigenous, Latino/a, Asian American, Pacific Islander and communities of color have chosen to be part of these studies to make sure the vaccines are safe for our communities.
- ▶ The tests have shown that the vaccines are safe and work to protect people from getting very sick and going to the hospital from COVID-19.
- ▶ You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the vaccines carry the live COVID-19 virus, so you can't get COVID-19 from them.
- ▶ Even after you get the vaccine, it's important to protect others by practicing safety measures like washing your hands often, wearing a mask while indoors with other people, and keeping gatherings small and outdoors whenever possible.

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