

# 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 sick with COVID-19.
- ▶ Like all vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines teach your body to fight against the virus and protect you from getting sick.
- ▶ Starting April 19, everyone in Oregon 16 and older will be eligible to get a vaccine.

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- ▶ At this time, the only vaccine that's approved for minors who are 16 and 17 years old is the Pfizer vaccine.
- ▶ Everyone in Oregon will be able to get the vaccine soon, but right now, we do not have enough doses for everyone. In addition, 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](https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine), and [govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine/es](https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine/es) 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 [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org) 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 sick with 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.
- ▶ Until everyone in Oregon gets the vaccine, we need to keep being safe. Even after you get the vaccine, it's important to protect others by continuing to wear a mask, staying 6 feet apart, and keeping gatherings small and outdoors whenever possible.

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