

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.

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.
- ▶ Everyone 12 and older can get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- ▶ At this time, the only vaccine that's authorized for minors, 12 to 17 years old, is the Pfizer 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/es in Spanish, including events and information in your county.
- ▶ Vaccines are also available at local pharmacies, often without an appointment. Not all pharmacies have the vaccines, so check to make sure before you go. Visit GetVaccinated.Oregon.gov or VacunaCovid.Oregon.gov to find a vaccine location close to you. The site is available in 12 languages, or call 211 if you need assistance in a language other than English.
- ▶ 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 yourself and others by continuing to wear masks and keeping gatherings small and outdoors whenever possible.

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