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COVID-19 VACCINE
MEMBER INFORMATION

IS THERE A COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABLE?

Yes. As of December 21, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved two vaccines with an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Please refer to the FDA's website regarding the EUA process and the measures used by the FDA to ensure safety. https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/emergency-use-authorization-vaccines-explained

IS THE VACCINE SAFE?

Available scientific studies all indicate the vaccines are safe and effective. However, each individual needs to make the decision of whether or not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine based on their own personal circumstances. This can be hard because of the large amount of available information regarding COVID-19. To help with this, we are providing the following information from the Ohio Department of Health about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/19-vaccine-myths-vs-facts

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

At this time, there is a phased approach to when individuals will be able to receive the vaccine based on supply demands. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is monitoring the situation, as well as, providing recommendations on the vaccine process. Please refer to the CDC website for more information on the recommendation process. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations-process.html

As of December 21, 2020, the CDC made the following phased recommendations for vaccine administration:

Phase	Group Recommendation
1a	Health Care Personnel and Long-Term Care Facility Residents
1b (Tentatively set for January)	Persons aged 75 years and older and certain frontline essential workers
1c (Tentatively set for February)	Persons age 65-74 years Persons age 16-64 years with high-risk conditions Essential workers not recommended in Phase 1b

Additionally, each individual state may implement a vaccination plan to best address its needs. The State of Ohio is continually monitoring the vaccine distribution process. You may find more information regarding Ohio's phased approach to vaccine distribution here: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program

WHERE CAN I RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

PrimeTime Choices recommends utilizing the Vaccine Finder to identify the best vaccine location for you. It can be found here: https://vaccinefinder.org/

This resource provides information regarding all vaccines, not just the COVID-19 vaccine. It is important to keep up-to-date on all of your recommended vaccines.

WILL I HAVE TO PAY FOR THE VACCINE?

No. The federal government purchased the vaccine and insurance companies or Medicare are required to cover the administration costs associated with the vaccine at no cost to the individual. This coverage requirement applies to almost all PrimeTime Choices plans. If your plan does not cover the cost of the vaccine, there are other resources available to reimburse providers for vaccine administration. You should not be billed for this service.

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BEFORE I CAN RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

The CDC recommends the following actions:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html

- Wear a mask
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Avoid crowds
- Wash your hands