**COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions**



# NeedleQ: What should I know about a COVID-19 vaccine?

The first vaccines will require two doses given several weeks apart, so plan for two appointments. You will be told about the benefits and risks of the COVID-19 vaccine. You have the right to accept or refuse the vaccine based on that information.

# Checklist RTLQ: How will I know a COVID-19 vaccine is safe?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) looks at all available scientific evidence before approving vaccines. Approval requires that the vaccine is proven safe and effective. Reported side effects are typical of a normal immune response to any vaccine including fever, headaches, and muscle aches.

# StopwatchQ: When will a COVID-19 vaccine be available?

The first COVID-19 vaccines will be available in Dec. 2020.

# Group of peopleQ: When will I get the vaccine?

Vaccines are being distributed in a phased approach.

* **Phase 1** includes healthcare workers as well as long term care staff and residents. Additional phase 1 groups are other critical workers, such as firefighters, and folks at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
* **Phase 2** will continue to focus on critical populations and begin to distribute to the general population.
* **Phase 3** will reach the general public so that anyone and everyone who wants a vaccine will have access.
* For more information about groups and phases:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim_Playbook.pdf>

# DollarQ: How much will the vaccine cost me?

The vaccine will be free with or without health insurance.

# InformationQ: Where can I find more information?

Helpful places to get started include:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines>

**For more information, visit** [**http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/vaccines**](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)