COVID-19 Vaccine

Your need-to-know details about the COVID-19 Vaccine*

It is SAFE

The available COVID-19 vaccines are approved and recommended by the FDA and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices following standard testing and approval processes.

By prioritizing resources and efforts, the vaccines were developed quickly and never at the expense of safety. For more on vaccine safety visit **mass.gov/COVIDVaccineSafety**

It is FREE

The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered free of charge to all individuals by the federal government.

Insurance information may be asked for by those administering the vaccine in order to bill-back to insurance. However, you will not be charged. If you do not have insurance, you are still eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge.

You need TWO doses to be FULLY vaccinated

Until you are fully vaccinated, you can still contract and spread COVID-19.

Not everyone will be vaccinated when you are. And while we know it dramatically reduces severe cases and symptoms, we are still learning about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep distance and avoid groups between doses and even after your second dose.

Your two doses need to be administered from the SAME SITE

You must receive your second dose of the same vaccine at the same site as your first.

- **Pfizer vaccine: 21 days** following first dose
- **Moderna vaccine: 28 days** following first dose

Before leaving your first dose appointment, schedule or confirm how to setup your next appointment.

Find out when you can get vaccinated at mass.gov/covidvaccinephases

Massachusetts developed a phased COVID-19 vaccine distribution timeline focused on equity and safety.

The timeline focuses on maintaining health care system capacity, addressing inequities in health care access and the COVID-19 burden, and protecting vulnerable populations. Each phase has priority groups within them. For regularly updated priority groups and eligible jobs and medical conditions, visit **mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases**

*** This information was last updated 1/14/21 and applies to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.**

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, phases, and more visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases