

Top 3 things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

WEBT wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest developments for a COVID-19 vaccine. It is suggested that the vaccine will help to slow the spread of the disease. That's why WEBT is committed to sharing available vaccine information and assisting you in getting the vaccine. Please take the time to speak with your health care provider for guidance on the vaccine and your overall health in general.

1. A COVID-19 vaccine is coming

You may be aware that many trials from multiple companies are happening now, with promising results. It's also helpful to know that the **U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)** has a review process that it completes before it will authorize vaccines for emergency use by the general public. Recently, a vaccine has been authorized and others are being reviewed with the hope of additional authorizations coming any day now. It is likely that some of the first FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines will require two doses. If you receive a vaccine that requires two doses, you will need to get your second dose in the given time frame after your first dose.

2. Availability of the COVID-19 vaccine

Once a COVID-19 vaccine is FDA-authorized, the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (**CDC**) will work with the Wyoming health agencies to determine where the COVID-19 vaccine will be available and who should get it first. This will likely be health care and essential workers, as well as people at high risk, such as those age 65 and older or with certain medical conditions. Initially, the vaccine may only be available at certain locations.

3. You will have \$0 cost-share for the vaccine

Once FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are available to the public, and throughout the public health emergency, you will be able to get it at \$0 cost-share, no matter where you get the vaccine (inand out-of-network providers). After the public health emergency ends, the vaccine will be covered under the plan just like other preventive vaccines.

Protect Yourself

Make sure you are following these simple steps to help protect your health:

- Get a flu shot
- Make sure your doctor visits are up to date
- Wear a mask
- Continue to social distance
- Wash your hands

Information on the COVID-19 vaccine is rapidly changing each day. Please refer to the <u>CDC website</u> for the most up to date resources on COVID-19.