COVID-19 VACCINE MEMBER INFORMATION

Coronavirus Benefits Information – December 23, 2020

What do you need to know about COVID-19 Vaccines?

It’s covered! – Your State of TN benefits cover the COVID-19 vaccine and the administration fee at no cost to you.

COVID-19 rapid testing, standard testing, and antibody testing are also covered by your benefits at no cost to you.

For more information about COVID-19 coverage and benefits go to the ParTNers for Health website.

For detailed information about the COVID-19 vaccine from the TN Department of Health (TDH), including answers to the following questions, go here to view a TDH webinar. For vaccine updates from TDH, click here.

Is the vaccine safe for me to get?
Yes! Talk to your Doctor if you have had a severe anaphylactic reaction to another vaccine or injectable.

When can I – and my loved ones – expect to get it?
There are 4 phases and many individuals will fall into phase 2 and 3. Phases are subject to change.

Where can I receive it?
Eventually the vaccine will be available at most pharmacies and many provider offices.

Can I get COVID from the vaccine?
No. You can’t get COVID from the vaccine but you may get a fever or feel ill for a few days, which means the vaccine is working and your body is responding correctly.

When will I be protected?
Most vaccines will require 2 injections or doses spaced 3-4 weeks apart and it will take up to 2 weeks after the second dose to be protected.

What can you do to stay safe and healthy while the vaccine is administered broadly and the CDC updates all of us regarding virus control?

Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Continue social distancing and wearing face coverings.

Wash hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer can substitute if soap and water are not available.

Talk to your doctor about any other immunizations that you might need. Click here for the CDC vaccine list.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue then throw the tissue away. Coughing into the elbow can substitute.

Stay home as much as possible and always when you are sick.

Do not gather with people outside of your household.

REMEMBER: An effective vaccine will lower your risk of getting infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. If you do get infected, the vaccine may also lower your risk of severe illness. But no vaccine can prevent all infections. Therefore, you still need to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings to prevent spreading COVID in case you do get a mild case with few or no symptoms.