



## You Can Help Build COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Among Your Patients

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) [now recommends everyone age 12 and older get the COVID-19 vaccine](#). We request your help in encouraging the newly eligible group of children to get vaccinated.

Pediatricians can help families feel safe, confident and prepared to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Please share this information to encourage families in scheduling COVID-19 vaccines.

### **The vaccine is covered at no cost.**

Members of individual and employer health insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid can get any U.S. Food & Drug Administration-approved COVID-19 vaccine for \$0. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act included no-cost coverage. It also allows uninsured patients to get the vaccine for \$0.

[Blue Cross covers the vaccine's administration without any member cost-share](#) (deductible, copay or coinsurance) on most health plans. Patients with questions about vaccine coverage can contact Customer Service at the number on their member ID card.

### **There are resources to help find vaccine appointments.**

They can call the State of Louisiana's Vaccine Hotline at 1-855-453-0774. It offers help scheduling appointments and finding nearby locations giving the Pfizer vaccine. This is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for children ages 12 to 17.

Your patients can also visit the [Louisiana Department of Health's COVID-19 vaccines website](#). There they can search vaccine locations by parish and find sites giving the Pfizer vaccine.

### **Your patients can get free rides to and from vaccine appointments.**

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation is sponsoring ride share programs statewide. Many community organizations offer similar programs. If your patients' families do not have a vehicle, are unable to drive or need transportation assistance, they can call 211 to get connected to programs.

### **Provider Resources from Blue Cross**

- Visit our COVID-19 Provider Resources Page to access our latest provider communications. Go to [www.BCBSLA.com/providers](http://www.BCBSLA.com/providers), then click on the "COVID-19 Provider Resources" link at the top of the page.
- Check out and subscribe to our [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana YouTube](#) channel. It features short videos with our medical directors, clinicians and other experts discussing COVID-19 and various health topics.

- [Connect with Blue Cross on social media](#) for regular updates. We post on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and now, TikTok.
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**Thank you** for working with us to build more immunity in the community. This helps our shared customers—your patients, our members—get back to the things and the people they love.

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