## Getting **HCOVID** Why Louisiana medical professionals are opting for the virus vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are here, which means hope for an end to the global pandemic. It's important that everyone feels safe, prepared and ready to get your vaccine as soon as you can.

Baton Rouge Health District member healthcare institutions are sharing a few key tips to keep in mind as vaccines roll out:



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How soon you can get the COVID-19 vaccine depends on your age and health status/risk. Visit the Louisiana Department of Health website, Idh.Ia.gov, to see the latest information. The site details who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccines and where you can get one.

Vaccines are not being given to walk-in patients. DO NOT show up at a clinic orpharmacy without checking to make sure you can get a vaccine. Health officials recommend you make an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Members of individual and employer commercial health insurance plans, Medicare and/or Medicaid can get a COVID-19 vaccine for \$0. If you have questions about vaccine coverage on your health plan, contact Customer Service at the number on your member ID card. Uninsured patients can also get the vaccine for \$0.



It will take time for the COVID-19 vaccine to be widely available. Until then, it's important that everyone take precautions to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. Mask up, stay at least six feet away from others and wash your hands often. If you feel sick, isolate yourself and contact your healthcare provider.

Stay tuned to **brcovidsafe.com** for more updates and information. You can also connect with Baton Rouge Health District on social media. When you get the COVID-19 vaccine, share a picture on your personal social channels using the hashtags **#COVIDSAFE** and **#BRHD** so we can see how you are protecting our community.

Over **10,000 reward T-shirts** have already been distributed to healthcare heroes completing their COVID vaccinations across the Health District.

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