

# **Vaccines**



### Why are vaccines important?

- Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses to protect against infection and help reduce the risk of disease.
- They do this by imitating an infection without causing the disease and getting your immune system to respond the same way it would to a real infection. This prepares your body to recognize and fight the disease in the future.
- Check with your doctor to see if the vaccines below are right for you.



### Common vaccines covered under your medical plan

- Influenza (flu)
- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis B for individuals at medium or high risk for hepatitis
- COVID-19\*

Vaccinations can be administered in your doctor's office or pharmacy.



## Common vaccines covered under your pharmacy plan

- Shingles
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B for individuals at low risk for hepatitis
- Travel Immunization (Yellow Fever, Polio)

Vaccinations need to be administered at a participating pharmacy.

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#### Did you know?



40-60% of vaccinated people are less likely to get the flu<sup>1</sup>



For Americans 50+: Shingrix vaccine is more than 90% effective at preventing shingles and long-term nerve pain<sup>2</sup>

#### Questions? We're here to help.



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Call toll-free **1-844-481-8834**, TTY **711** 8 a.m.-8 p.m. local time, Monday-Friday

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat plan members, except in emergency situations. Please call our Customer Service number or see your Evidence of Coverage for more information.

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<sup>\*</sup>You will have \$0 cost-share (copayments, deductibles or coinsurance) for the vaccine at both in- and out-of-network providers through the national public health emergency. Providers should not ask Medicare members for vaccine payment upfront or after the vaccine is received.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2019.