RFYP APPRECIATES YOU FOR ASSISTING IN KEEPING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, OTHER STAFF, AND THE MEMBERS SAFE & HEALTHY!

COVID-19 Vaccine

It's our turn to roll up our sleeves and get vaccinated!

- **THANK YOU!** You've kept our company running through one of the most challenging times in our history.

- The responsibility is ours, as a community, to help stop this virus. Now we have a new, safe, and effective tool to help us do that—COVID-19 vaccines.

- All RFYP staff receive a $200.00 bonus after receiving their second vaccine

What is a vaccine and how does it work?

- Vaccines prevent diseases that can be dangerous, or even deadly. They work with your body's natural defenses to safely develop protection from a disease.

- A vaccine helps your immune system to produce antibodies, just like it would if you were exposed to the disease. After getting vaccinated, you have protection from that disease, without having to get the disease first.

- This is what makes vaccines such powerful medicine. Unlike most medicines, which treat or cure diseases, vaccines *prevent* them.

WHY SHOULD I GET VACCINATED?

- Protect myself and my family

- Keep our members safe

- Help stop spread in the community

- Set the example for others, including residents, families, co-workers, and the community-at-large

WILL I STILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK?

YES !

Similar to other vaccines, a large number of people in the community will need to get vaccinated before transmission drops enough to stop the use of masks.

What vaccines are available?

- Three vaccines have received Emergency Use Authorization from the Food and Drug Administration from companies named Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson

- All three COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective against serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

- The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require 2 doses given at least 3-4 weeks apart. People should get both doses to be fully vaccinated in order to be effective.

- Johnson & Johnson is only 1 dose.

COVID-19 VACCINE

What are the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine?

- COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting sick from COVID-19.

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the U.S. have been shown to be very effective.

- Wearing masks and social distancing help lower your chance of getting the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough.

- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

- The more people who get vaccinated, the faster we can get back to our normal lives.
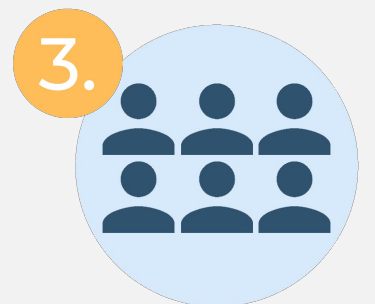
Vaccines go through more testing than any other pharmaceuticals:

1. Small groups of people receive the trial vaccine

2. The vaccine is given to specific groups of people (i.e by age, race, and physical health).

3. The vaccine is given tens of thousands of people and tested for effectiveness and safety.

How do we know if the vaccine is safe?

4. The CDC's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) looks at the data to see if the vaccine is safe and works. They give advice to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

5. The FDA looks at the data and the advice from the Advisory Committee and decides whether to approve the vaccine.

The vaccine is only approved after **all of these steps** are done and various teams of reviewers are sure that it works and is safe.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS

Side effects were more common after the second dose of the vaccine.

- Pain, redness or swelling where the shot was given
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Nausea and vomiting
- Feeling unwell
- Swollen lymph nodes

- YES, it <u>IS</u> safe to get the COVID-19 vaccine even if you have had COVID-19

- Even if you have had COVID-19, it is important to get vaccinated. It could give you longer or better protection against the disease

- Even if you have positive antibodies, you should get the COVID-19 vaccine

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAD COVID-19?

WHERE SHOULD I LOOK TO GET ACCURATE INFORMATION?

It is important to get information from reliable sources (CDC, AMDA, medical professionals, medical providers) **Social media is full of misinformation and opinions based on that misinformation**

Here are some link to information:

- CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/answering-questions.html

- CDC: About COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines.html

- CDC: Provider Resources for COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations with Patients and Answering Patients' Questions: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/covid-conversations/

We all play a part in this effort and you are key!

YOU ARE ESSENTIAL!

• If you have not received your vaccine yet, please get your COVID-19 vaccination at Towncrest Pharmacy.

• If you have questions about receiving a free vaccination, please contact Stuart Kunkel or Bobbi Chipman.

• If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccine, visit CDC's FAQs web page.

QUESTIONS?