

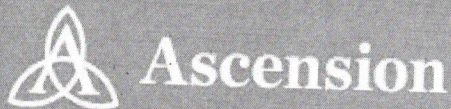


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Information about COVID-19 Vaccines

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Information for Ascension Associates about COVID-19 Vaccines

We wish to thank you for your continued efforts to serve our communities, and to share important information about the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development.

As you may know, two drug manufacturers – Pfizer and Moderna – have requested Emergency Use Authorization for their COVID-19 vaccines. Each of these vaccines has demonstrated safety and effectiveness, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to authorize both of them for emergency use this month. As a result, we expect to begin receiving and administering COVID-19 vaccines in mid-December.

We are currently finalizing comprehensive Ascension policies and procedures on vaccine distribution that are consistent with federal, state and local guidance.

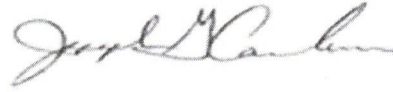
In accordance with these guidelines, the first group eligible to receive the vaccines, once they are available, will be our front-line caregivers – particularly those serving in emergency departments, COVID-19 units and intensive care units. This includes both Ascension associates and affiliated physicians/providers. We anticipate that the rest of our associates will be eligible for the vaccine as more doses become available and the distribution process progresses.

We strongly encourage all Ascension associates to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, at no cost, when it is made available to them; you will receive details about availability and procedures at that time. In our view, this is the right thing to do to protect our associates and those we are privileged to serve. We believe the vaccines are both safe and effective and the benefits of being vaccinated outweigh any identified risks or side effects. In fact, we will both receive a vaccine as soon as we are eligible. As the distribution and availability of the COVID-19 vaccines expand over the coming weeks and months, we will continue to evaluate Ascension's position on vaccination requirements for our associates and staff.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to our healing Mission and for all you do every day in support of those we serve.



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