



### **Community Talking Points**

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- COVID-19 vaccines aren't yet available but may be approved soon.
  - Accurate information about vaccines is critical.
  - CDC has lots of easy-to-understand information available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- The first doses of vaccine will go to health care workers and the most vulnerable people, like residents of long-term care facilities.
  - The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as large quantities are available.
  - Vaccines will likely be distributed during public vaccination events, employer-hosted vaccination events, by health care providers and at pharmacies.
- Because vaccine demand is high, developers have directed lots of resources to create, test and manufacture them.
  - Vaccine development has focused on safety and effectiveness.
  - COVID-19 vaccines were widely tested to make sure they meet safety standards.
  - They will only be approved if the research shows they can be given safely within the community to prevent the spread of COVID-19.