

Why are vaccines important for people with disabilities, their family members, and care providers?

Sometimes the type of support you need can put you at a higher risk of getting a sickness like COVID-19 or the flu.



You may spend time with direct care providers, personal caregivers, teachers, and family members who could spread a sickness to you without knowing it.



You may have trouble practicing safety skills like washing your hands or wearing a mask.



You may not be able to communicate that you are feeling sick.

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COVID-19 and the flu have unequally affected many racial and ethnic minority groups with disabilities, putting them more at risk of getting sick and dying from these sicknesses.

Do you have questions about the COVID-19 or flu vaccine?

It's normal to have questions about important topics that impact your health. Follow these steps to make an informed decision:

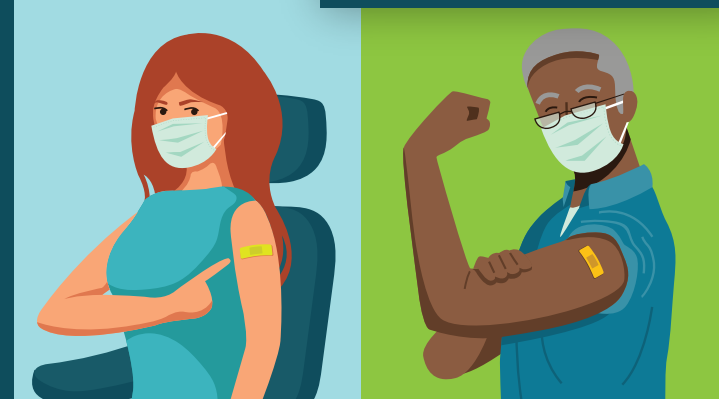
- STEP 1** Get the vaccine facts from trusted resources like the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- STEP 2** Talk to your doctor.
- STEP 3** Make an informed decision about getting vaccinated.

You can find additional resources at:

able-sc.org/vaccines/bipocvax
or call 1-800-787-6046



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Protecting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) with disabilities one vaccination at a time.

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The truth about vaccines.

Multi-marginalized groups are more likely to get sick with COVID-19 and the flu and more likely to be hospitalized from getting sick. **Trust the facts** when making health-related decisions, such as getting vaccinated.



“I don’t trust vaccines and think they have bad side effects.”

The COVID-19 and flu vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 and the flu — especially for people with disabilities. Dangerous side effects are rare and some mild side effects are normal.



“I don’t believe I need a COVID-19 or flu vaccine.”

Getting a vaccine can protect you from getting sick. Some people with disabilities are at a higher risk of getting COVID-19 and the flu, so it is important to protect yourself by getting vaccinated.



“I am concerned about the cost of the vaccine.”

It is free to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If you have insurance, a flu shot is free at most pharmacies.

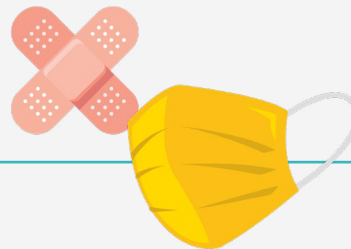
Champions in your community.

There are champions in our communities — people just like you — who have made the decision to get vaccinated. Let’s hear their stories.

“I didn’t hesitate to get the COVID-19 vaccine. My family is diabetic, and I knew the vaccine would help us protect ourselves. If you’re hesitant, trust the numbers. Hundreds of thousands of people in SC have died from COVID-19. That’s why you should get the shot.”

Wynee Fair

Wynee is a member of the BIPOC community with a psychiatric disability.



“As a stroke victim I was hesitant to get the COVID-19 vaccine, but I decided to talk to my doctor to learn more. I got the shot to protect my family and community. What do you have to lose? You either get the shot, or you risk getting COVID-19.”

Jonathan Brown

Jonathan is a member of the BIPOC community with a disability.

