

STRENGTHENING CAP READINESS THROUGH VACCINATION



"COVID-19 has changed the way we deliver the CAP Programs, but has not weakened our resolve, effectiveness, or mission execution. As we start the transition toward COVID-19 recovery, please strongly consider vaccination for yourself, your loved ones, and CAP."

— Major General Mark Smith, C.A.P. National Commander

TOP LINE MESSAGES

PRIORITY: TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE

DATE: 14 DECEMBER 2020

- Every CAP member is a valued team member and is critical to all our mission accomplishments.
- Continue being vigilant by wearing face coverings, socially distancing, washing your hands frequently, monitoring your health, not gathering in crowds, avoiding closed spaces with poor ventilation, limiting time with others, and not participating in CAP activities if feeling sick.
- It's important for leaders to encourage each member to make an informed decision about the pros and cons of vaccination by consulting government sources like the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and each member's healthcare professional team. Additionally, your CAP Health Services Officer can provide additional informational resources so you are well-informed to make the best decision for you.

SUMMARY

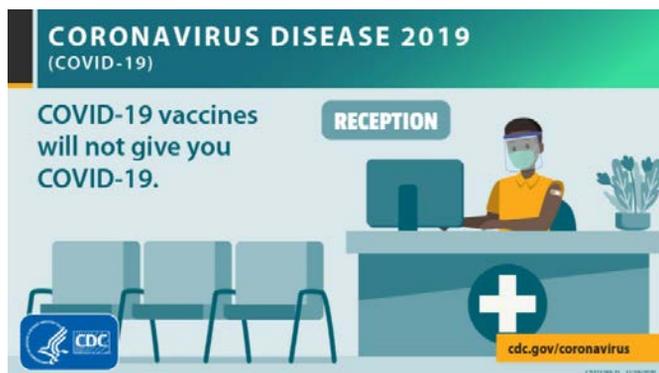
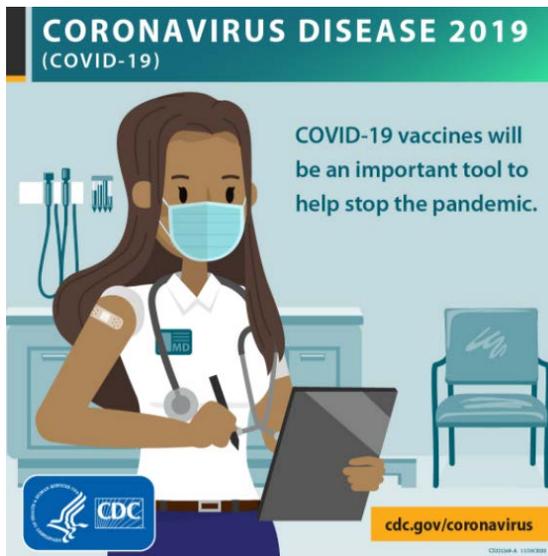
On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer / BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine as an emergency use authorization. CAP strongly recommends that for those who are able, please consider vaccination, but also wants to emphasize that the COVID-19 vaccination is completely voluntary.

On December 12, 2020, the CDC recommended that the Pfizer / BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine be administered to people 16 years of age and older. Continue to monitor for updated recommendations at the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

TALKING POINTS

Key Messages for the Membership

- COVID-19 vaccines can not give you COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19.
- People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.
- Limited COVID-19 vaccine doses will be available in 2020, but it is anticipated that vaccine supply will increase substantially in 2021.
- The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as large quantities are available. However, not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away.



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES:

CDC Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

Instagram & Twitter:

Instagram
@cdcgov
@fda

Twitter

@cdcemergency
@cdcgov
@us_fda

POCs:

Civil Air Patrol
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