

# 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

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- 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

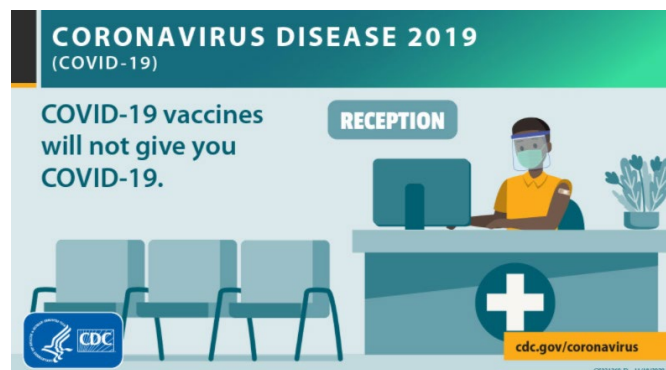
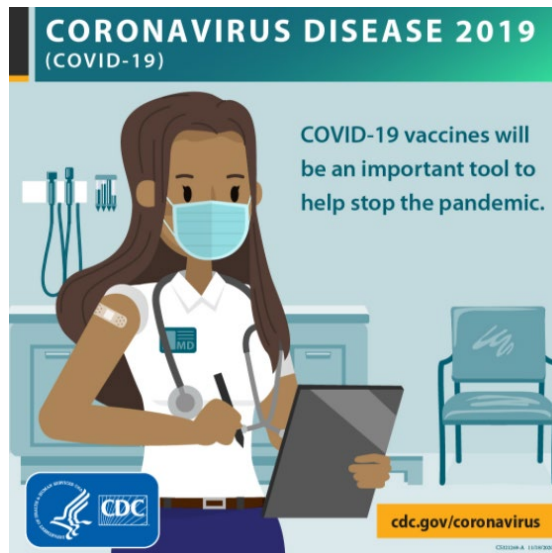
The FDA has now given emergency approval for several COVID-19 vaccinations. CAP strongly recommends that for those who are able, please consider vaccination, but also wants to emphasize that the COVID-19 vaccination is completely voluntary.

Continue to monitor for updated recommendations at the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>. Additional information is available through your local public health sources.

## 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.
- Vaccine supply will be sufficient to cover all of the American Public by mid-year 2021. Many states are already allowing all adults age 16 and older to receive the vaccination.
- The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccine, free of charge.



### 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

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