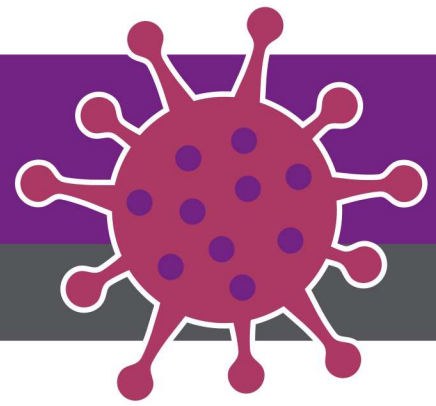


CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

COVID-19 Vaccine Standby Statements for Media



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COVID-19 Vaccine Standby Statements are to be used for media inquiries as appropriate.

NOTE: The vaccine situation is fast-moving and continues to evolve. If you have inquiries with questions beyond these statements, please contact Melissa Lander, Trinity Health vice president of communications, or Rachel Nelson, Trinity Health director of communications.

Trinity Health Standby Statements:

- With the vaccine now only days away, we are turning a corner in this global health crisis. Trinity Health is confident in the safety and efficacy of the vaccine with the FDA approval. We strongly encourage everyone ages 16 and older to be vaccinated. We will not mandate vaccination for colleagues at this time.
- Trinity Health is actively preparing to begin immunization at various locations with the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as locations receive the first shipments. Like all health systems, we are working closely with the CDC and state health departments, which have been charged with vaccine distribution.
- We are following CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC ACIP) and state guidelines on vaccine distribution. Distribution is expected to begin within a few days. Locations will initially be limited to those selected by their state governing body.
- Trinity Health will also follow CDC recommendations for vaccine prioritization, including ensuring health care workers who wish to be immunized, and residents of senior care facilities receive the COVID-19 vaccine first. From there, we are determining the most efficient ways to distribute the vaccine to the community based on CDC ACIP prioritization and vaccine supply made available to us.
- Health care and essential workers and residents of long-term-care facilities will be among the first to receive the vaccine. Additionally, high-risk populations including older adults and people with underlying health conditions will also receive the vaccine as more vaccine becomes available.

- Trinity Health urges everyone to continue to follow current safety measures. It is crucial that we all remain vigilant with avoiding crowds, practicing physical distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. We must continue upholding our personal safe living and decision-making responsibilities until the vaccine is more broadly available. People who are vaccinated must also stay committed to CDC safety guidelines until there is widespread vaccination.
- **Regarding Colleagues If Asked:** At this time, the COVID-19 vaccine will not be mandated for colleagues as an employment requirement. Colleagues will be encouraged to get the voluntary COVID-19 vaccine, following the phased prioritization guidance, as the best way to continue to protect themselves and help end this pandemic. Colleagues and their dependents enrolled in a Trinity Health medical plan can receive the vaccine with no out-of-pocket costs.
- **Regarding Vaccine Safety If Asked:** Data as reported by Pfizer indicates that side effects are common for vaccines (e.g. headache, muscle aches) and brief. No long-term side effects were identified in the data. Trinity Health clinicians have reviewed the data and we are confident in encouraging everyone to get vaccinated, as vaccine availability allows, to help end this global health crisis.

Health Ministry Standby Statements:

- With the vaccine now only days away, we are turning a corner in this global health crisis. [Health Ministry Name] is confident in the safety and efficacy of the vaccine with the FDA approval. We strongly encourage everyone ages 16 and older to be vaccinated. We will not mandate vaccination for colleagues at this time.
- [Health Ministry Name] is actively preparing to begin immunization with the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as locations receive the first shipments. Like all health systems, we are working closely with the CDC and state health departments, which have been charged with vaccine distribution.
- We are following CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC ACIP) and state guidelines on vaccine distribution. Distribution is expected to begin within a few days. Locations will initially be limited to those selected by their state governing body.
- [Health Ministry Name] will also follow CDC recommendations for vaccine prioritization, including ensuring health care workers who wish to be immunized, and residents of senior care facilities receive the COVID-19 vaccine first. From there, we are determining the most efficient ways to distribute the vaccine to the community based on CDC ACIP prioritization and vaccine supply made available to us.
- Health care and essential workers and residents of long-term-care facilities will be among the first to receive the vaccine. Additionally, high-risk populations including older adults and people with underlying health conditions will also receive the vaccine as more vaccine becomes available.
- [Health Ministry Name] urges everyone to continue to follow current safety measures. It is crucial that we all remain vigilant with avoiding crowds, practicing physical distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. We must continue upholding our personal safe living and decision-making responsibilities until the vaccine is more broadly available. People who are vaccinated must also stay committed to CDC safety guidelines until there is widespread vaccination.
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