Please share the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccines at huddles and unit-based team meetings.



Vaccine availability

+ COVID-19 vaccines are currently available to health care workers and those who work in health care facilities.



Safety and effectiveness

+ The COVID-19 vaccines were held to the same rigorous safety and effectiveness standards as all other vaccines. They were also tested in big populations, so there's significant evidence that they are effective and safe.



Side effects

+ Like most vaccines, the ones for COVID-19 can produce side effects, which are usually mild or moderate and disappear within a few days. These side effects are normal and a sign that the body is building immunity.



Time off

+ If you are unable to work because you're experiencing side effects from the vaccine, use your allotted sick leave to take time off.



Natural immunity

+ If you have recovered from COVID-19, you are still encouraged to get vaccinated. Early evidence suggests the immunity from infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person and may not last very long.



Staying safe

+ While vaccines are vital to ending the pandemic, it will take time for a large percentage of people to get vaccinated. Until then, protect yourself and those around you by doing the things that work and save lives: wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, avoid gatherings, and keep your distance from others. And be ready to get vaccinated when it's your turn.

These huddle messages will be updated regularly. For the latest region-specific information about COVID-19 and the vaccine, go to **kp.org/covidvaccine** and **mykp.kp.org** [KP Intranet].

