

# Frontline News

1199 MEMBERS ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



## TAKE DR. FAUCI'S WORD FOR IT: GET VACCINATED & PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR PATIENTS.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease is America's leading expert on COVID-19. Dr. Fauci's decades of experience, dedication to science, and steady demeanor have made him a trusted voice in the U.S. and around the world throughout the pandemic. He has advised eight presidents on infectious disease and global and domestic health issues.

Now, Dr. Fauci and other trusted experts like our own Dr. Vann Dunn, Chief Medical Officer of 1199's National Benefit Fund, are encouraging us all to get vaccinated. They confirm that studies have shown the vaccine to be safe and effective and that rigorous testing, absent of past racist or discriminatory mistakes, showed minimal side effects. Says Dr. Fauci: "I feel extreme confidence in

the safety and the efficacy of this vaccine, and I want to encourage everyone who has the opportunity to get vaccinated."

Let's follow the advice of these trusted experts. Too much is at stake. We've already missed too many big moments and lost too much. With these vaccines, we can get our lives back. As healthcare workers, we are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine immediately. Don't delay. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your patients. Join your fellow members and get vaccinated.

## 1199 PRESIDENT GEORGE GRESHAM GETS VACCINATED

Click the link below and follow along as 1199 President George Gresham receives his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on January 20 at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

<https://www.1199seiu.org/covid19vaccineresources>

President Gresham is joined by a very special guest—his daughter Siana—for a discussion about her vaccination experience and why it's important for us all to get vaccinated. Click here: <https://vimeo.com/503895695>



**MASSACHUSETTS BEGINS PCA VACCINATIONS** Massachusetts Home Health Aides and Personal Care Attendants are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. 1199SEIU Executive Vice President Tim Foley said, "Home Health Aides and PCAs are the unsung heroes of the pandemic. By serving elderly, ill, or disabled patients in their own homes, they take an enormous burden off our severely strained hospital and long-term care facilities and their staffs while making certain that our most vulnerable population receives high-quality care without being exposed to trips into the community."

## MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS CAN FIND VACCINATION LOCATIONS ON STATE'S WEBSITE:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations-for-individuals-in-eligible-groups-and-phases>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (FAQ) OF THE WEEK

**Q:** Do I need to take the second Covid-19 vaccine shot?

**A:** The currently authorized vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in the United States require 2 shots to get the most protection: Pfizer doses should be given 3 weeks (21 days) apart and Moderna doses should be given 1 month (28 days) apart. **You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 1-month interval as possible.** You should not get the second dose earlier than the recommended interval.

## MARYLAND NURSING HOMES COMPLETE AT LEAST FIRST ROUND OF VACCINATIONS

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced last week that Walgreens and CVS have completed at least the first round of vaccinations in the state's nursing homes and the pharmacies are on to the second pass. Nearly 40,000 staff and residents have been vaccinated in Maryland.

## FLORIDA 1199 MEMBERS PAY NO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR VACCINE

Just as in all 1199SEIU Regions, Florida 1199 members do not have to pay any out-of-pocket expenses for the COVID-19 vaccination. Employers can ask for your insurance card to bill the insurance company for some costs. If you do not have insurance, employers can bill the government, but **NO EMPLOYEE WILL PAY ANYTHING OUT-OF-POCKET.**

*The vaccine is free to 1199 members, so let's step up and get our shots.*



## MEMBER VOICES

"At first, I thought the vaccine was developed too fast, and then I listened to Dr. Dunn and spoke to a couple of other doctors. I also read up on it in the materials from the Union. Now I am supportive, and from the time I got vaccinated I was telling other members they should too."

ANGELA THOMAS, UNIT CLERK, SHAEFFER EXTENDED CARE AT MONTEFIORE NEW ROCHELLE

## COVID-19 FAQs / LINKS / INFO

FAQs compiled and updated regularly by 1199's Benefit Fund and the first place to go for questions about the Covid-19 vaccine, where to get it, and other concerns.

<https://www.1199seiu.org/covid19vaccineresources>

**Other questions about the COVID-19 vaccine?**  
Email [VaccineQuestions@1199.org](mailto:VaccineQuestions@1199.org)