

## **COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs (as of Sept 22, 2025)**

### **1. Who is eligible under federal guidelines:**

- **The FDA has approved the 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine for use in:**
  - Adults 65 years or older, OR
  - Individuals 6 months to 64 years with at least one underlying condition that puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) /Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP):**
  - The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted unanimously that for individuals 6 months and older, vaccination should be based on individual, shared decision-making.
  - ACIP emphasized that the benefit is most favorable for individuals at increased risk of severe disease and lowest for those who are not.
  - **These recommendations are not final until approved by the CDC director**, after which they become official U.S. policy that CHP follows.

### **2. Does Capital Health Plan cover the updated COVID vaccine?**

- Yes, COVID-19 vaccination is covered by CHP, in accordance with CDC and ACIP guidance.
- Eligible members can receive the vaccine at no cost share when administered by an in-network provider and billed to CHP.

### **3. Where to get the updated COVID-19 vaccine:**

- **Publix:** Currently, Publix is not offering COVID-19 vaccines, but they plan to do so once the CDC issues its final recommendations.
- **CVS Pharmacy Counter:** CVS requires a prescription from a healthcare provider for everyone, including adults 65 and older. If you bring a prescription from your primary care provider, the vaccine is covered at no cost share.
  - **CVS Minute Clinic:** The Minute Clinic is not in CHP’s network, so if you receive the vaccine there, you will pay out-of-pocket (currently \$195). These fees are not reimbursed by CHP.
- **Capital Health Plan** has the updated 2025–2026 COVID vaccine for our Physician group practices. Once the CDC approves the ACIP recommendation, our Physician group will administer it to eligible patients who are assigned to them as their PCP.
  - **Other PCP offices:** Availability and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine may differ. Please contact your primary care provider directly to confirm.
- **We are monitoring the CDC’s final decision on the ACIP recommendation and will provide an update as soon as it is available.**