

# COVID-19 Vaccination News for the NM Workforce

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is evaluating COVID-19 vaccines for Emergency Use Authorization. Through an independent, scientific review designed to safeguard the health and safety of those who will receive the vaccine, the FDA will examine all of the data from clinical trials to determine if the vaccine can be authorized for use.

## **What vaccine authorization means for the NM workforce**

If the vaccine is approved for emergency use:

- Distribution is anticipated to begin within days of approval. Vaccination of the NM workforce will be a phased process.
- The vaccine will be voluntary and offered at no cost to you. If you wish to be vaccinated, you must complete the NM enrollment form online. Your answers to the below questions will help determine your phase:
  - If your role requires you to work with patients who are COVID-19-positive
  - If you or a member of your household has a high-risk medical condition as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Which NM hospital you want to go to for vaccination
- The enrollment form link was sent in an email from NM President and CEO Dean M. Harrison. The URL is accessible both on and off campus by visiting the link provided in the NM Alert.
- If you decide not to get the vaccine now, you can change your mind later and opt in.

The number of staff members who get the vaccine initially will depend on how many doses NM receives. You will need to have your NM-issued ID with you when you arrive to get vaccinated. If you have questions, please visit the COVID-19 page on NM Interactive or contact the MyNM Service Center at 312.926.4357 (HELP).