



# Get answers about the COVID-19 vaccination.

Dear Blue Cross member,

As Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, my focus is your health. Now, let me help answer some of your questions about the COVID-19 vaccines which will soon be available. Reading these facts may help to ease any anxiety you have about receiving a vaccine. Please continue to wear a mask, as well as practice social distancing and good hygiene—before and after you receive the vaccine. And thank you for doing your part to end the pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "James D. Grant".

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## FIVE FACTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION FROM JAMES D. GRANT, MD:

- 1 No shortcuts were taken.** While these vaccines were developed faster than those for other diseases, the same proven process for research, testing and approval by the FDA was used.
- 2 As many people as possible need to be vaccinated to establish herd immunity** and to protect those who do not receive the vaccine.
- 3 The more people who are vaccinated, the sooner things can return to normal.** While we wait for case numbers to decrease, it is important that we continue masking, washing hands and social distancing—even after we get a vaccine.
- 4 The vaccine carries no out-of-pocket costs for you.** Medicare is covering the cost of the vaccine and its administration for Medicare members.
- 5 Your doctor will tell you which, if any, vaccine is right for you.** I encourage you to speak to your doctor right away so you can schedule a vaccination when it's available to you.

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