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Important update on COVID-19 vaccines

You've likely heard the good news that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by Pfizer and Moderna have been approved by the FDA. There will initially be a limited supply of the vaccine. **Initial doses of the vaccine will be made available to priority groups, such as:**

1. Health care personnel
2. Residents of long-term care facilities, like nursing homes

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are now working to distribute the vaccine to federally- and state-approved locations to start the vaccination of priority groups. State governments will handle the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. **Look for updates from your state or governor** as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.

While you're waiting for a COVID-19 vaccine, continue to follow **CDC's tips on protecting yourself and others** — including social distancing, frequent hand-washing, wearing a mask, and limiting gatherings.

Remember: Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, so there will be no cost to you when it becomes available.

Sincerely,
The Medicare Team

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