

# PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOURSELF WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE



A COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others from infection.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and here now. Strong confidence in the vaccines within communities will lead to more people getting vaccinated, which will lead to fewer COVID-related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.



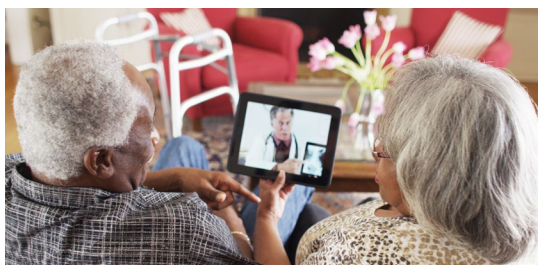
As a rural leader, you can do the following to build COVID-19 vaccine confidence in your community:



Encourage people in your family, organization, and community to be vaccine champions and to share testimonials about why they got vaccinated.



Have discussions about COVID-19 vaccines, so people can share their views and ask questions. Ask local doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals to help answer people's questions.



Share [key messages](#) about vaccine safety through multiple channels that people trust, such as local radio stations, schools, and in faith-based settings.



Help educate people about [COVID-19 vaccines](#), including how they were developed and monitored for safety and how individuals can talk to others about the vaccines.

You have three ways to find vaccines near you:

- Go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- Text your ZIP code to [438829](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/info/text4covid19.html)
- Call [1-800-232-0233](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/info/18002320233.html)

For more information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



Learn more about [finding credible vaccine information](#). When you come across COVID-19 information, cross-check it with [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and learn how to respond to misinformation that you encounter.



Make your decision to get vaccinated [visible](#) and celebrate it.