



Oklahoma physicians,

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your hard work, tenacity and commitment to your patients' health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It does not go unnoticed. You're playing a key role in addressing one of the biggest public health crises of our lifetimes.

It is with this gratitude in mind that we'd like to ask for your help.

Our continued progress in the fight against COVID-19 depends on vaccinating Oklahomans quickly and efficiently to slow the spread. We are at a critical point in our vaccination efforts, and we need your help to encourage your patients to consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

You are the voice of reason and a source of trusted information for your patients and many Oklahomans beyond your practice. We know there are numerous reasons people may be hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and we hope that the relationship you have with your patients serves as a foundation to have informed, productive conversations with them about the vaccine and to discuss any doubts they may have.

There are a few different ways your patient can access the vaccine:

1. If you have the vaccine at your facility, we encourage you to offer the opportunity to get the vaccine to your patients.
2. If you don't have the vaccine at your facility, you can [enroll to become a provider](#) and receive a vaccine allocation.
3. If you don't have the vaccine at the facility, we encourage you to take the opportunity to discuss the vaccine with your patient regardless and answer any questions. If they decide they would like to get the vaccine, there are options for them to schedule the appointment:
 - a. You can provide them with the link to schedule an appointment through the state's Vaccine Scheduler Portal (vaccinate.oklahoma.gov) or through the federal Vaccine Finder tool (vaccinefinder.org).
 - b. You can provide them with literature or resources to schedule the vaccine at a local event or through a local pharmacy.

Please reach out to your local health department if you have any questions or would like more resources to help in discussing the vaccine with your patients.

We hope you will take this opportunity to encourage your patients to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the way that works best for them. Thank you again for your tireless efforts to keep Oklahomans safe and healthy.

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