Vaccinating as many people as possible is the only way to end this pandemic. Without a vaccine, the pandemic could go on for two to three more years or longer.

We expect everyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get one in the next few months as large quantities become available. Emergency use authorization of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine means even more vaccine supply should be available in the coming months.

Following CDC guidelines, we’re vaccinating our patients who are 65 and older, prioritizing those at highest risk based on health conditions and those who live in areas disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As vaccine supplies become available in the weeks and months ahead, we’ll reach out directly to eligible patients with an email, phone call or text message when it’s their turn to schedule.

The benefit of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine far outweighs the risk.

Trials showed the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines were extremely effective in preventing COVID-19. There were no serious safety concerns reported in the trials.

Many people who receive the vaccine report side effects including pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain and fever. These side effects often indicate a person’s immune system is responding properly to the vaccine.

The Pfizer vaccine is administered in two doses given no less than 21 days apart. The Moderna vaccine is administered in two doses given no less than 28 days apart. It’s important to get both doses to ensure full protection. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is administered in one dose. We’re not able to offer patients a choice as to which vaccine they receive.

Even after receiving the vaccine, everyone needs to wear masks, practice social distancing and wash their hands. It’ll take time to immunize enough of the population to stop the virus from spreading, so we’ll need to continue these safe practices for some time.

Our top priority is to administer the vaccine safely and equitably.

Our Safe Care Promise provides additional measures at all of our locations to protect you and our team members. In person or online, we’re here for you.