

## Flu Shots, COVID and RSV Vaccines

You know the importance of preventive care and vaccines. We remind our members that staying healthy means getting the preventive care they need. This care includes getting a flu shot and may also include COVID and RSV immunizations for high risk individuals.

Your HAP patient may contact you to see when they should schedule a flu shot, COVID or RSV vaccine. Below is some information you may find helpful.

## Flu shot

• HAP offers free flu shots to all our members. They just need to show their ID card at their doctor's office or visit a HAP-affiliated pharmacy.

## **COVID** vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests everyone aged 5
and older should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine. Children aged 6 months to 4
years need multiple doses of COVID vaccines. Adults who are moderately or
severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of updated COVID vaccines
as well.

## **RSV** vaccine

• The CDC recommends vaccination for RSV, a common cause of respiratory illness in infants, young children and older adults. For those aged 60 and older, the virus can cause hospitalization and death if left untreated. Those who are most susceptible to severe reactions to the virus include people with lung diseases, kidney disorders, cardiovascular issues and diabetes.

If your HAP patients need more information about the flu shot, COVID or RSV, they can refer to our blog.

Providers can also find more information in our policy. Simply log in at **hap.org**, select Benefit Admin Manual under More, then search for Immunizations & Vaccines.