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## What you need to know about COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination

*This information is up to date as of March 29, 2022 and is subject to change.*

**Q:** Will seeking treatment for COVID-19 impact my immigration status?

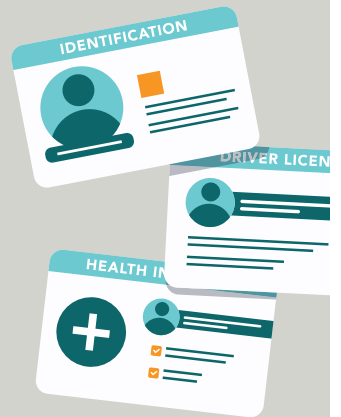
**A:** No. You have the right to seek medical treatment. Immigration agencies have a policy of avoiding enforcement actions in health care facilities like hospitals, health clinics, urgent care, and doctors' offices.

**Q:** Do I need to have medical insurance to get tested and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

**A:** No. You have the right to get tested and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccination free of charge. If you are uninsured or undocumented, talk to a provider to see if they will agree to bill the federal government for COVID-19 services so you do not have to pay any costs.

**Q:** Do I need to have a driver's license to get tested and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

**A:** No. If you do not have a photo ID, you have the right to say "I am in need of medical services but do not have a photo ID."



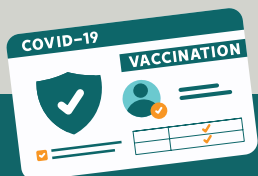
**Q:** Do I have to tell medical staff what my immigration status is?

**A:** No. You do not have to share your immigration status with medical staff. If they ask, you can say something like "I choose not to answer this question." If they refuse to give medical care because of your immigration status or because you refuse to share your immigration status, please contact the ACLU of New Mexico at (505) 266-5915.



**Q:** What should I do if all the paperwork is in English when I go to get tested and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

**A:** You have the right to an interpreter at no cost when seeking care at a hospital or community health center. Hospitals and community health centers may use bilingual staff, telephone interpretation services, or qualified in-person interpreters to provide assistance to patients.



**Q:** What information should I receive after I get my first dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine?

**A:** After you receive the first dose, you will receive a CDC Vaccination card that tells you which COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it. Keep this card in a safe place. You should also receive a fact sheet regarding the specific COVID-19 vaccine you received to help you understand the risks and benefits associated with the vaccine.

**Q:** Will the information I give to medical staff be kept private?

**A:** Generally, yes. The law does not allow medical providers to share information that reveals who the patient is or that can be used to identify the patient without the patient's permission (there are a few very limited exceptions to this). However, it is unclear whether immigration status falls under this protection. As a result, it is recommended that patients not reveal their immigration status to medical providers.

