

Programs to Help ATC Members Stay Connected: Internet Access, Laptop Offers & Phones (if you qualify)

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The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

To see if you qualify and to apply, call: 833-511-0311 or visit: [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)



The Lifeline Assistance program offers free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes, and a free phone to those who qualify.

- You may qualify if you are on certain public assistance programs, like Medicaid or SNAP.
- You can qualify based on your household income.
- If you are unemployed, use your Unemployment Benefit Letter as proof of eligibility until 06/30/2021.

The Lifeline Assistance program is available for only one wireless or wireline account per household.

To see if you qualify, call 888-321-5880 or visit [assurancewireless.com/help-center/contact](https://www.assurancewireless.com/help-center/contact) and enter your zip code.

DID YOU GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE YET?

If not, do you need help finding a vaccine site?

Do you need help making a vaccine appointment?

Call the ATC Resource Desk at 708-531-0680.

We are here to help Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Do you have concerns about the vaccine? See page 2



COVID-19 Vaccines: 4 Myths and 4 Facts

MYTH: "If I've already had COVID-19, I don't need a vaccine."

FACT: People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated. Severe health risks are associated with COVID-19 and re-infection is possible. Therefore, people are advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before.

MYTH: "Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will give you COVID-19."

FACT: The vaccine for COVID-19 cannot and will not give you COVID-19. The two authorized mRNA vaccines tell your cells to reproduce a protein that is part of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. They help your body recognize and fight the virus if it ever comes along. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the SARS-Co-2 virus, so you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. The protein that helps your immune system recognize and fight the virus does not cause infection of any sort.

MYTH: "The COVID-19 vaccine can affect a woman's ability to have a baby."

FACT: The COVID-19 vaccine will not affect fertility. The truth is that the COVID-19 vaccine encourages the body to create copies of the spike protein found on the coronavirus's surface. This "teaches" the body's immune system to fight the virus that has that specific spike protein on it.

MYTH: "The COVID-19 vaccine was developed with or contains controversial substances."

FACT: The first two COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the FDA contain mRNA and other, normal vaccine ingredients, such as fats (which protect the mRNA), salts, and a small amount of sugar. COVID-19 vaccines were not developed using fetal tissue. They do not contain any material such as microchips or tracking devices.

Please talk to your ATC doctor if you have questions or concerns about the vaccine.

Excerpted from www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines-myth-versus-fact

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