People with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are at an increased risk for severe illness and death from COVID-19. Therefore, we must do everything we can to ensure that they are vaccinated as soon as possible.

1. **EDUCATE**
Share information about the importance of the vaccine and be prepared to address misconceptions and negative beliefs about the vaccine’s safety.

2. **SIMPLIFY**
Reduce the barriers to accessing the vaccine by simplifying the appointment process, assisting with completing paperwork, and providing appointment reminders.

3. **MEET**
Meet people where they are. Establish vaccination clinics at local community mental health centers, group homes and clubhouses.

4. **SUPPORT**
On the day of the shot, provide support to help make the experience as positive as possible. This may include assisting in arranging transportation, offering longer appointment times, providing a quiet place to sit, and giving comfort and assurance to those in need.

5. **FOLLOW-UP**
Follow up afterwards by asking how the person is doing, assisting with scheduling the second shot (if needed), and providing appointment reminders.