

COVID-19 VACCINE FAQ



Vaccination is the only way to end this pandemic and return to our normal lives. Protect yourself, your loved ones and your community by getting vaccinated.



Why should I get vaccinated?

COVID-19 infection can result in death in ill and healthy people of any age.

Even if a person does not die of COVID-19, they may have long term complications including memory loss, fatigue, unexplained breathing difficulties and damage to the lungs and heart. Clinics have already been set up to support the many COVID-19 patients who, although they are no longer infected, cannot go back to work or live a normal life.



How does the vaccine work?



What is herd immunity and why does it matter?

If enough people have immunity, the virus is less likely to spread. We need to vaccinate 70% of the population to achieve herd immunity and go back to our daily lives, reopen businesses, hug and see loved ones again.



I already had COVID-19. Should I still get a vaccine?



Even if you had COVID-19 in the past, it is uncertain how long immunity will last. It is possible to get COVID-19 again. You should still get the vaccine to protect yourself and others.

How long will it take to become immune after I receive the vaccine?

It takes 1-2 weeks after the second dose for the body to build immunity after vaccination. Someone could be infected with the virus just before or just after vaccination and get sick because the vaccine didn't have enough time to provide protection.

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Was the vaccine rushed?

No steps were skipped, and all safety procedures were followed. The vaccines were developed quickly because of technological advances and because non-medical parts of approval (bureaucratic processes and rubber-stamping) were fast-tracked.



Are there side effects?

There can be side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine, but they tend to be mild and go away in a few days. The most common side effects are muscle soreness, headache and fever/chills.

You will be monitored for any potential allergic reaction after vaccination.



Is the vaccine safe?

Immunization is safe. It is much safer to get immunized than to get COVID-19 and potentially suffer long term side effects. Tens of thousands of people have been vaccinated in the trials and many healthcare workers have as well. The mRNA vaccine cannot alter your DNA.

If you have a history of severe allergic reactions, a weakened immune system or are pregnant, check with your physician before getting vaccinated.



Will I still have to mask and distance after getting vaccinated?

Yes. It is still important to practice public health measures until most people are vaccinated.

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