

GET THE FACTS

COVID-19 VACCINE



Why Get Vaccinated?

The COVID-19 vaccine helps your body fight the SARS-CoV-2 virus if you're exposed. When most people are vaccinated, the entire community will be protected.

How do the vaccines work?

The COVID-19 vaccine works by stimulating the immune system to produce antibodies, which recognize the SARS-CoV-2 virus and block it from entering your cells. The vaccines cannot give you COVID-19 or the common cold.

What COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use?

There are three COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the FDA: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. Each vaccine was developed and tested following the same rules as other medications and vaccines that have been approved for use, such as antibiotics and the flu shot.

How is the vaccine administered?

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are given in two shots, 3 to 4 weeks apart. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is given in one shot.

You are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine
- 2 weeks after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine

If it's been less than 2 weeks since you received your shot or you are still waiting for your 2nd dose, you are NOT considered fully vaccinated. Please continue following all public health guidance and taking all preventive steps until you are.

How effective are the COVID-19 vaccines?

In clinical trials, all three COVID-19 vaccines are 100% effective in preventing COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths once you're fully vaccinated.

Wondering if you should get the vaccine?

For most people, the answer is yes! You should still get the vaccine if you've already had COVID-19 and have recovered.

Talk to your doctor first if:

- You have severe allergies to medications
- You have a bleeding disorder
- You are on blood thinners
- You are pregnant
- You are immunocompromised
- You are on a medication that affects your immune system
- You have a fever

