

COVID-19 vaccine information

Can I choose which vaccine I will receive?

You will be given the vaccine that is currently available. Our supply is limited and directed by the state. UCLA Health will continue to receive vaccines produced by different manufacturers.

The COVID-19 vaccines all have similar side effects:

- Injection site pain
- Headache
- Chills
- Mild fever
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Joint pain
- Nausea

Vaccine administration



The vaccine is given as an injection into the muscle.

Vaccine doses and scheduling



Some vaccines only require one dose. Other vaccines require two doses.



If you receive a two-dose vaccine, you must receive the same vaccine for both doses. You can make your second dose appointment during the time of your first dose.



You will be considered fully vaccinated:

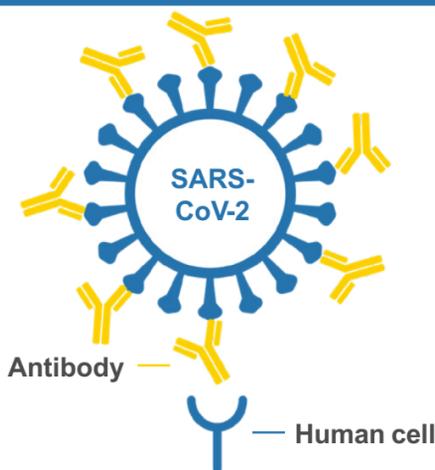
- Two weeks after receiving a one-dose vaccine
- Two weeks after receiving your second dose out of a two-dose vaccine series



The COVID-19 vaccines are equally effective

All currently available COVID-19 vaccines are 100% effective in preventing COVID-19-related hospitalizations and deaths once you are fully vaccinated.

How do the vaccines work?



- **Messenger RNA (mRNA):** The vaccine contains genetic instructions that tell your body to produce a SARS-CoV-2 “spike” protein.
- **Viral vector:** The vaccine has a harmless (inactivated) cold virus that is engineered to contain the gene for the SARS-CoV-2 “spike” protein.
- After receiving a vaccine, your immune system produces antibodies that prevent you from severe COVID-19 infection.
- The vaccines cannot give you COVID-19 or the common cold.

What other ingredients do the COVID-19 vaccines have?

- All the COVID-19 vaccines have salts, sugars and other compounds to maintain the proper pH balance and stabilize the vaccine.
- The mRNA vaccines also contain lipids to stabilize the mRNA.

