



# Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

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## VACCINES

Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be able to fight the virus, if you are exposed. This is called immunity.

## WEAR YOUR MASK

When you get the vaccine, you AND your healthcare worker will both need to wear masks.

## AFTER YOU GET YOUR VACCINE

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose
- Wash your hands often
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with

*Right now, it is not certain how long the vaccine will protect you, so it's still important to protect yourself and others.*

## THE VACCINES ARE SAFE

- All COVID-19 vaccines being used have gone through safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines.
- The vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19.
- The vaccines may also keep you from getting seriously ill if you do get COVID.
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccines.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE

- Most COVID-19 vaccines are given in two shots
  - The first shot gets your body ready
  - The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection
- If you are told you need two shots, get both.
- The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.

## SIDE EFFECTS

- The vaccines may cause side effects – like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever – in some people.
- For most people, these side effects will last for only a day or two.
- Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19.
- If you have questions about your health after your shot(s), call your doctor, nurse, or clinic.
- While it is unlikely that you will develop a serious reaction, such as not being able to breathe, if it does happen, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.