

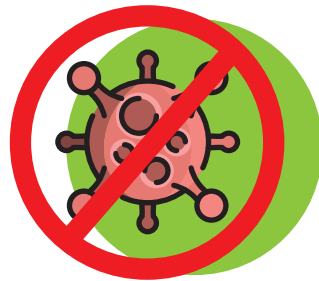
COVID-19

MAKING THE DECISION TO GET A VACCINE



WHY SHOULD I GET A COVID-19 VACCINE?

We're all eager to see loved ones, travel, and reopen schools and businesses. Getting vaccinated and adhering to the 3 W's — wearing a mask, washing hands, watching your distance — will help us return to the things we miss. All approved COVID-19 vaccines effectively protect against hospitalization and prevent death from COVID.



IS THERE A RISK OF GETTING COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINES?

No. None of the FDA-approved vaccines contain any live COVID-19 virus. Any temporary symptoms after being vaccinated are indications that the body is building immunity. The COVID-19 vaccines were developed through unprecedented government financial support and cooperation between medical experts and the public and private sectors. Every phase of every trial was carefully reviewed and approved by a safety board and the FDA.

WHAT SIDE EFFECTS SHOULD I EXPECT?

Serious side effects are very rare. Mild side effects, like soreness, headache, or fever, are signs that your body is building up protection against the virus and typically go away in one to two days. Even if you don't experience any side effects, your immune system is still building protection against the virus. Vaccines don't generally have long-term side effects, and there is no reason to believe the COVID-19 vaccine will.



WILL THE VACCINE PROTECT ME AGAINST VARIANTS OF THE VIRUS?

All of the available COVID-19 vaccines provide some protection against known emerging variants. America's leading medical experts continue to monitor variants and vaccine efficacy.

In the future, they may recommend a vaccine booster to improve protection. The best way to protect yourself against the virus and its variants is to get the vaccine that is offered to you when it is your turn.

