

COVID-19 VACCINE

Getting vaccinated is one of the best tools we have to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19.



There are currently three vaccines authorized for use

- Currently, Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson have vaccines authorized for use.



All three vaccines are extremely effective at preventing severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

- Scientists thoroughly researched the vaccines to make sure they are safe and effective.
- Although there are some small differences between the three, they all have nearly the same, very high efficacy for preventing severe outcomes from COVID-19.
- The vaccine cannot give you the virus.



You need one or two doses, depending on the vaccine

- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires one dose.
- The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses a few weeks apart (3 weeks for Pfizer, 4 weeks for Moderna). Both doses need to be from the same manufacturer.
- You will have full protection from the vaccine about two weeks after your final dose.



Side effects are normal and should go away in 1-2 days

- After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects, like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever.
- This is a normal sign that your body is building protection against the virus. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two.
- Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19.



It's important to continue washing your hands, distancing, and wearing a mask until you're fully protected

- After being vaccinated, it can take a few weeks for your body to build protection (immunity). During this time, it's possible to get the virus.
- So even if you get the vaccine, it's important to continue to wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear a mask.

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