

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

WHAT IS A VACCINE?

A vaccine is medicine that helps your body not get sick.

HOW DO I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

The COVID-19 vaccine is given in 2 shots in the arm. There are two kinds of COVID-19 vaccines which you can get, called Pfizer and Moderna.

DO I NEED TO GET TWO SHOTS?

Yes! The medicine only works with 2 shots, taken at different times.

DOES IT MATTER WHICH SHOT I GET?

Yes! If you get a Pfizer shot first, you can only get a second Pfizer shot. If you get a Moderna shot first, you can only get a second Moderna shot.



DOES IT MATTER WHEN I GET THE SHOTS?

Yes! If you get the Moderna shot, you need to wait 28 days to get the second Moderna shot. If you get the Pfizer shot, you need to wait 21 days to get the second Pfizer shot.



WILL I BE ABLE TO GO PLACES ONCE I GET THE SHOT?

No, you won't at first. But once enough people get both of the shots, you will be able to travel to more places.

WILL I STILL HAVE TO WEAR A MASK AFTER I GET THE SHOTS?

Yes! But not forever. You will still have to wear a mask for a while because other people can still get sick around you even if you do not get sick.

IF I GET THE SHOTS, CAN I STILL GET COVID-19?

Yes, but if you get sick, you will probably not feel as bad.

DO THE SHOTS HURT?

Most shots hurt for a short time, but your arm should only be a little bit sore for a few days.

WILL THE SHOTS MAKE ME SICK?

Some people who got the shot had a fever, a headache, felt extra tired, or had some arm soreness. This is actually good! It means the medicine is working. You may feel a little sicker after the second shot, but you should feel better in a few days. If you do not feel better in a few days, or get sick, call your doctor!

ARE THE SHOTS SAFE?

A lot of testing has been done on both types of shots. The testing shows that the medicine is safe for almost everyone tested. The tests did not include a lot of people with disabilities, but we have no reason to think that it isn't safe for almost everyone. COVID-19 makes people more sick than the shot.



HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET THE SHOTS?

The Pfizer shots can be given to people 16 years and over. The Moderna shots can be given to people 18 years and over.

WHAT ARE THE SHOTS MADE OF?

The shots are made of medicine to teach your body how to fight COVID-19. It does not give you COVID-19.

HOW WILL I REMEMBER TO GET THE SECOND SHOT?

You will get a card with the name of the shot you received. It will also tell you a date for when to come back for the second shot.

DO I NEED TO SCHEDULE BOTH SHOTS AT THE SAME TIME?

If you can schedule both at the same time, you should. Sometimes you will schedule the second shot during your appointment for your first one.



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