



# COVID-19 Vaccine Information

## for Community-Based Organizations



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FOR MORE INFORMATION: [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



# **COVID-19 and Vaccine Basics**

# What is known about COVID-19?

- Infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can result in a range of illness, from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.
- We don't know how SARS-CoV-2 will affect each person.
- Some people, such as adults 65 and older or people with certain medical conditions, are more likely than others to become severely ill.



# How to prevent COVID-19

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
- Avoid close contact with others. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine.



# COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to build protection

- Getting the virus that causes COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as an antibody or immune. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts.
- The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by building immunity without the risk of severe illness.



# Key facts about COVID-19 vaccination



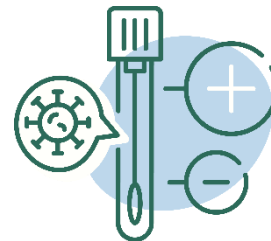
Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19



People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated



COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19



COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests\*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>

\*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>



# Safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the **same safety standards** as all vaccines.

## Before Authorization



ACIP

- **FDA** carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials.
- **ACIP** reviews all safety data before recommending use.

## After Authorization



- **FDA** and **CDC** closely monitor vaccine safety and side effects. There are systems in place that allow CDC and FDA to watch for safety issues.

**VAERS** Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System  
[www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov)

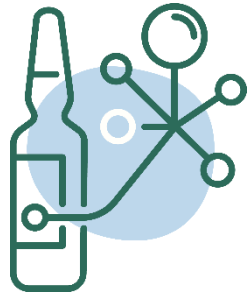


V-safe:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

# COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from COVID-19

## Getting a COVID-19 vaccine...



- Will help create an immune response in your body against the virus



- May help keep you from getting severely ill, even if you do get COVID-19



# What to expect before, during, and after COVID-19 vaccination

## Before



- Learn about COVID-19 vaccines.
- See if COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for you.

## During



- Read the fact sheet that tells you about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive.
- Receive a vaccination record card.

## After



- Expect some side effects.
- Enroll in v-safe. V-safe will remind you if you need a second shot.
- Continue using all the measures to protect yourself and others.

V-safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

# Vaccination is one measure to help stop the pandemic

- While COVID-19 mRNA vaccines appear to be highly effective, additional preventive tools remain important to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC recommendations to protect yourself and others offers the best protection from COVID-19.
  - Cover your nose and mouth with a mask.
  - Stay at least 6 feet from people who don't live with you.
  - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
  - Wash your hands.



# Protect yourself, your family, friends, coworkers, and your community. Get vaccinated.

- Choose to get vaccinated when it is offered.
- Participate in **v-safe** and help CDC monitor for any health effects after vaccination.
- Share your experience with coworkers, friends, and family.
- Know the basics about the COVID-19 vaccine. Help answer questions from your family and friends.
- Show you received the vaccine by wearing a sticker or button prominently.



## CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Websites

The screenshot shows the CDC Vaccines & Immunizations website. The main heading is "COVID-19 Vaccination". Below the heading, there is a sub-heading "Clinical Resources for Each COVID-19 Vaccine" and a brief description: "Find information for COVID-19 vaccination administration, storage and handling, reporting, and patient education for each specific vaccine". A button labeled "Product Information by US Vaccine" is visible. To the right of the text is an illustration of a diverse group of healthcare professionals. Below the text and illustration are four thumbnail images with captions: "General Vaccine Administration", "Storage and Handling Toolkit", "ACIP Recommendations", and "COVID-19 Vaccine EUAs". On the left side of the page, there is a navigation menu with categories like "For Parents", "For Adults", "For Pregnant Women", and "For Healthcare Professionals".

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

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**Getting Vaccinated**

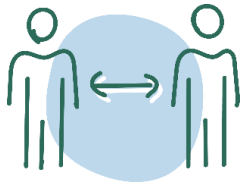
# Where and when to get your vaccine

# After Vaccination

- Continue COVID-19 prevention measures:



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with a mask.



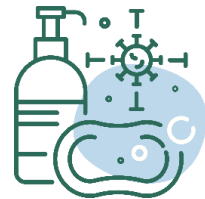
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- Enroll in **v-safe**
- If you have questions about your health and vaccination, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic.





**For more information about COVID-19 and vaccines:**

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