

# COVID-19 VACCINE

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



## The vaccine is safe and effective

- Scientists thoroughly researched the vaccine to make sure that it is safe and effective.
- The vaccine cannot give you the virus.



## There are currently two vaccines authorized for use

- Currently, Pfizer / BioNTech and Moderna have vaccines authorized for use in the US.
- Although there are some small differences between the two vaccines, both are about 95% effective at preventing COVID-19.



## You will need two doses several weeks apart

- Both of the vaccines available right now require two doses.
- When you get vaccinated, both doses need to be from the same manufacturer (both Moderna or both Pfizer).
- You won't get full benefits of the vaccine until about seven days after your second dose.



## Side effects are normal and should go away in a day or two

- 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

- After being vaccinated, it can take a few weeks for your body to develop 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.

**Stay up-to-date on when you can get vaccinated:**  
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