

## **Important: COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

We want to ensure that you stay informed about the developments surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine. Below you will find the latest information (as of 11/29/2021) provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including answers to some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs). If you have additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us at 800.648.7563.



### -COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease

What You Need to Know

and death from the virus that causes COVID-19, including known variants currently circulating. -If you are fully vaccinated you can resume many activities that you did before the

pandemic, but you should wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission

-Everyone ages 5 and older can get vaccinated against COVID-19. <u>Learn how to find a COVID-19 vaccine</u> so you can get it as soon as you can.

-The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks, which are rare.

-As with other vaccines, side effects may occur after vaccination. These are normal and should go away within a few days.

-People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are recommended to get an additional primary dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna).

-Unlike many medications, COVID-19 vaccine dosage does not vary by patient weight but by age on the day of vaccination. -People can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same time.

**Availability of Vaccines** 

### Vaccines are widely accessible in the United States and are available for everyone

at no cost. Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines get to you. Many doctors' offices, retail pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics offer COVID-19

vaccinations. Parents, check with your child's healthcare provider about whether they offer COVID-19 vaccination. Find a COVID-19 Vaccine: search vaccines.gov, text your ZIP code to 438829, or

call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you. **Cost of Vaccines** 

## The federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in

the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status. **COVID-19 Vaccines Are Free** 

#### Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will also help keep you from getting

**Effectiveness** 

seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Learn more about the benefits of getting vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. It typically takes 2 weeks after vaccination for the body to

build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. That means it is possible a person could still get COVID-19 before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did ot have enough time to provide protection. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine, or 2 weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine. We are still learning how well COVID-19 vaccines protect people with weakened immune systems, including people who take medicines that suppress the immune

If you have a medical condition or are taking medicines that weaken your immune system, you should talk to your health care provider. You may need to keep taking all precautions to prevent COVID-19 disease.

system. We're also still learning how long COVID-19 vaccines protect people.

Safety Millions of people in the US have received COVID-19 vaccines, and these vaccines

have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in US history. This monitoring

#### includes both established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19. Learn

**Variants and Vaccines** 

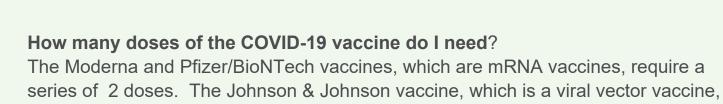
more to bust myths and learn facts about COVID-19 vaccines. CDC has developed a new tool, **v-safe**, to help us quickly find any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** is a smartphone-based, after vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines. Learn how the federal government is working to ensure the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines protect against Delta and other known variants. These vaccines are effective at keeping people from getting COVID-19, getting very sick, and dying. People who are vaccinated are also less likely to spread COVID-19. We don't know how effective the vaccines will be against new variants that may arise.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html

Additional COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs

Currently the CDC recommends that moderately to severely immunocompromised



people receive an additional dose. Click here to see who is included.

Booster shot recommendations: For individuals who received the Pfizer-

BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the CDC recommends those 50 and older, anyone age 18+ who lives in a long-term care setting, SHOULD receive a

There will be no cost to members for the COVID-19 vaccine.

How much will the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

is a single dose vaccine.

#### booster shot. You MAY get a booster is your age 18 or older. For individuals who received the Johnson&Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or

more months ago. Click here for more information. How long do I need to wait after getting a flu vaccine or another vaccine before getting a COVID-19 vaccine? You can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including a flu vaccine, at the same visit. Experience with other vaccines has shown that the way our bodies develop protection, known as immune response, and possible side effects after getting vaccinated are generally the same when given alone or with other vaccines.

### vaccination considerations for people who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Is it safe for my child to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

your healthcare provider about COVID-19 vaccination. Learn more about

Yes, COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future. You may want to have a conversation with

Yes. Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Like adults, children may have some side effects, but they should go away within a few days. Although fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, continue to wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often. If

What can I do to help protect myself from getting COVID-19?

If I am pregnant, can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

you are fully vaccinated, visit the CDC's website to see recommendations on what activities are safe to resume. \*\*This information is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional medical diagnosis or treatment. Secure Health is not involved in vaccine administration decision making or allocation planning. Please contact your

local or state public health department for the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine. For more FAQs relating to the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html

https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-(covid-19)-vaccines

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