

QUICK Q&As

COVID-19 VACCINES



1. Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

A. Yes

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have undergone careful testing and met the FDAs safety and effectiveness standards. Both were authorized and made available in the United States by [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA). Systems to monitor these vaccines are in place and continue to track effectiveness or reactions that were not detected during the clinical trials.

2. Should I get the vaccine if I've had COVID-19?

a. Yes

Even if you have had COVID-19, it is safe and important to get the vaccine. This can add additional protection from future COVID-19 infections. If you've had a test that shows you have COVID-19 antibodies, you should still get the vaccine. It is safe and can increase your protection from future COVID-19 infections, and natural immunity from COVID-19 infections can vary from person to person. The immune response from vaccination is more effective.

3. Will I need to continue to wear a mask once I've had the COVID-19 vaccine?

a. Yes

Masks, physical distancing, and frequent hand hygiene will still be required even after you've been vaccinated. These interventions are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19, and they remain crucial until herd immunity is achieved. The 3Ws are scientifically proven effective at preventing community spread of COVID-19. Government health authorities will determine when we can relax rules and adjust our policies for visitation and social activities which will depend on how many people choose vaccination, how well the vaccines work, and how quick cases in the community fall.

3Ws: [Wear](#) A Mask | [Wash](#) Your Hands | [Watch](#) Your Distance