

COVID-19

VACCINE

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Most Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccine

Q: Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

A: The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine trial with over 40,000 participants resulted in a 95-percent effective rate against COVID-19 beginning 28 days after the first of two doses of the vaccine. Pfizer reports the vaccine was well tolerated with headache and fatigue as the most common side effects. For the latest on the Pfizer vaccine visit [pfizer.com](https://www.pfizer.com).

The Moderna Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial with 30,000 participants of its two-dose vaccine resulted in a 94.1% efficacy against COVID-19 and 100% efficacy against severe COVID-19. Moderna reports the most common side effects as being headache, fatigue, and pain and redness at the injection site. For the latest on the Moderna vaccine visit [modernatx.com](https://www.modernatx.com).

Q: When can I get the vaccine?

A: For more information on when you might be eligible for the vaccine, please visit trumed.org.

Q: How do I get the vaccine?

A: TMC/UH staff members meet regularly to plan for a safe distribution to the public. We will continue to follow federal and state government guidelines on the distribution. Please visit trumed.org for updates.

Q: How many doses is the vaccine?

A: Both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines now being distributed in the U.S. require two doses.

Q: Will I have to pay to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: The vaccine is free. However, providers can charge an administration fee to the patient's public or private health insurance company.

Q: Can a COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19?

A: No. The COVID-19 vaccines currently being distributed in the U.S. don't use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

It will take a few weeks for your body to build immunity after getting a COVID-19 vaccination. As a result, it's possible that you could become infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or after being vaccinated.

Q: Should I get the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

A: Yes. But experts say if you have tested positive in the 90 days before you're eligible for your shot, you should wait.

Q: Do I need to know which COVID-19 vaccine is best for me or can I get any of them?

A: Based on the data coming out of the clinical trials, both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines now being distributed in the U.S. have been shown to be 94 to 95 percent effective with similar side effects.

Q: What side effects should I expect? If I should experience side effects, who should I call?

A: Side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine are rare, but can include muscle ache at the injection site, headache, fatigue and a low grade fever. Call your provider if you have side effects that prevent you from participating in daily activities or if your symptoms become worse.

Q: Do I still need to wear a mask and social distance after I get two doses of the vaccine?

A: Yes. While the COVID-19 vaccine will protect you from the virus, it can't guarantee complete immunity. That's why these extra safety measure are important to continue.