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VACCINE SAFETY
AND EFFECTIVENESS

Here you will find answers to frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. Stay informed and get the latest updates from trusted sources, like your healthcare team.

How do I know if the vaccine is safe?

COVID-19 vaccine safety is top priority.

Vaccines are not distributed in the United States until the FDA determines the vaccine is safe. It's important to know that vaccines go through extensive testing in clinical trials to prove safety and effectiveness. After that, the data is reviewed by the FDA which approves the vaccine for the public. The vaccines will be continuously monitored for both safety and effectiveness.

Are there side effects for the vaccines?

You may have some side effects after getting the shot. This is a normal sign that your body is building protection. Side effects should go away in a few days. Talk to your doctor about ways to reduce pain and discomfort from side effects.

Common side effects of the vaccine:

On the arm where you got the shot:
- Pain
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:
- Fever
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Headache

Will the vaccine protect me from getting COVID-19?

Two doses of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines are needed to be effective. It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require two shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot.

Pfizer's vaccine has shown to be 95% effective in trials, and Moderna's vaccine has shown to be 94% effective at preventing disease and illness from COVID-19.

If I get the vaccine, can I stop wearing a mask and social distancing?

No. It will be important for everyone to keep wearing masks, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Is it safe to get the flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine?

The CDC currently recommends avoiding getting any other vaccinations in the two weeks before or two weeks after getting a COVID vaccine.

Source: CDC, FDA

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