

COVID-19 VACCINE



Benefits of the Vaccine

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The COVID-19 vaccines are safe.

The COVID-19 vaccines were rigorously tested before production and have since been safely administered to millions of people worldwide. Side effects of the vaccines are overwhelmingly mild, temporary, and much less dangerous than COVID-19 illness for both adults and children. Adverse reactions are very, very rare. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are able and staying up to date with additional doses.

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The COVID-19 vaccines are effective.

The COVID-19 vaccines create antibody responses to COVID-19 without getting an infection. The antibodies fight the COVID-19 virus so that if you do get an infection, you are much less likely to have symptoms, be hospitalized or die from the infection.

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The COVID-19 vaccines will help us get back to the people and places we love.

Along with staying 6 feet away from other people, avoiding large gatherings where we cannot keep our distance, wearing masks over our noses and mouths when we have to be close to other people, and washing our hands, the vaccine will help us get back to our lives and eventually eradicate COVID-19.

What to Expect When You Get the Vaccine

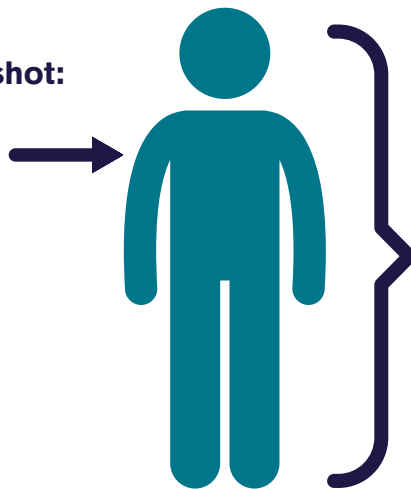
1. The health care provider will give the vaccine as an injection with a needle into your upper arm.
2. During injection, you may feel a brief sting or burn on your arm that will disappear quickly.
3. Afterwards, you may have some common side effects that will go away in a few days:

On the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain or tenderness
- Redness
- Swelling

What helps:

- Put a cold pack where it hurts
- Move your arm frequently



In the rest of your body:

- Fever and/or chills
- Headache, stomach ache
- Tiredness, soreness

What helps:

- Drink a lot of water
- Get plenty of rest

Find a vaccine near you:

- Scan the code
- Visit MeckNC.gov/COVID-19
- Call 980-314-9400, Option 3 (English) or Option 8 (Spanish)



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