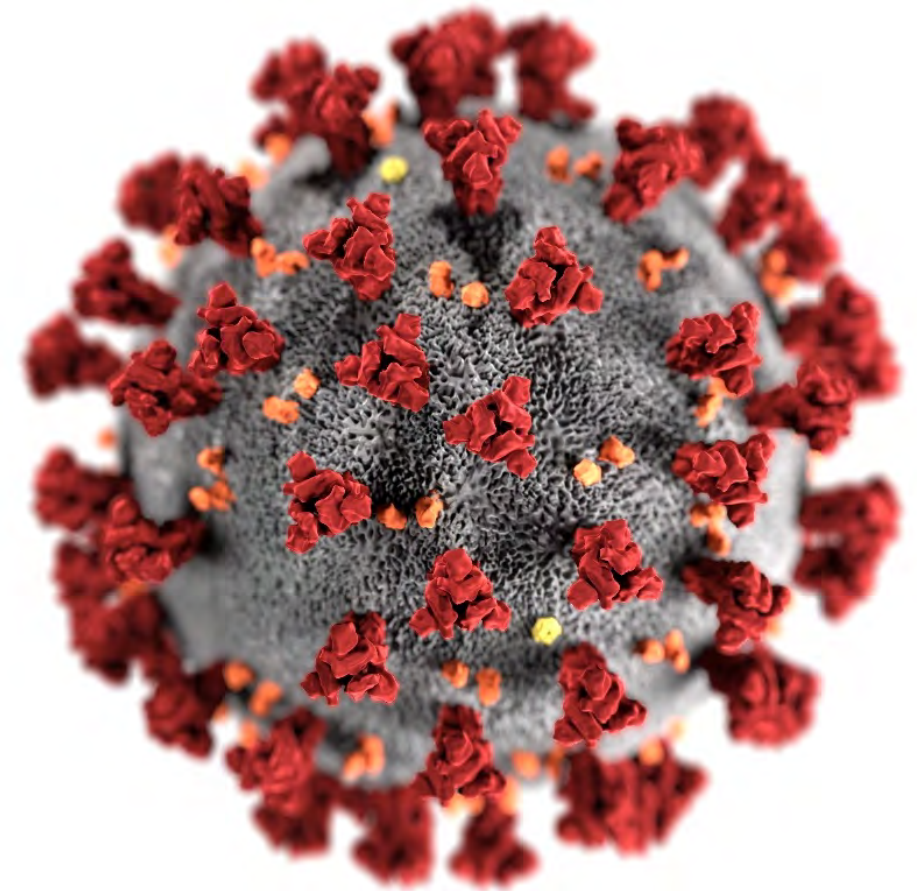


COVID-19 Vaccine Resources: People with Disabilities

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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Call to Action

- COVID-19 vaccines are **important prevention tools** for stopping the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **You** are on the front lines of keeping our communities healthy.
- **You** can help the communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19 feel confident and safe in their decision to get vaccinated.
- We have resources to help you do that!



Photo Sources: <https://www.today.com/health/covid-19-vaccine-health-care-workers-share-photos-t204282>, <https://www.dailynews.com/2020/12/14/first-wave-of-coronavirus-vaccines-arriving-across-southern-california/photos>

Digital Consumer Resources

- Resources for the general public
- Written in plain language
- Streamlined approach to deliver content that people need to know and answers to common questions:
 - [Frequently Asked Questions about Vaccination](#)
 - [Addressing Rumors with Facts about Vaccines](#)
 - [Different Vaccines](#)
 - [Communication Resources Toolkits](#)

What to Expect Handout

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so **your body will be ready to fight the virus**, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don't live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are **very effective** at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

Different types
Most of these are ready to use. The rest need two shots. CDC will watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?
No. Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States can cause you to test positive on [viral tests](#), which are used to see if you have a current infection.

If your body develops an immune response—the goal of vaccination—there is a possibility you may test positive on some [antibody tests](#). Antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results.

If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine?
Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, vaccine should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection. CDC is providing recommendations to federal, state, and local governments about [who should be vaccinated first](#).

At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.

We don't know how long immunity produced by vaccination lasts until we have more data on how well the vaccines work.

Both natural immunity and vaccine-induced immunity are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?
Yes. COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19.

Being protected from getting sick is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a [serious illness](#), have [long-term health effects](#), or even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you don't have an [increased risk of developing severe complications](#). Learn more about [how COVID-19 vaccines work](#).

I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!

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COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkits for CBOs and Essential Workers

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IS
ESSENTIAL**

Learn how you can get a COVID-19 vaccine.

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of protection.**

Learn how you can get a COVID-19 vaccine
to keep you and your family safe.

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Toolkit Content

- Introductory letter
- Key messages
- Frequently asked questions
- Basic slide decks
- Plain language fact sheet in several languages
- Customizable newsletter content
- Customizable letters
- Stickers
- Posters
- Social media images and sample messages



Toolkit Content Tailored for Each Audience

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

FAQs and Key Messages for Communities

1 Why should I get vaccinated for COVID-19?

COVID-19 can cause serious illness or even death. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. And if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you. All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19 disease. Even if you still get infected after you get vaccinated, the vaccine may prevent serious illness.

2 Can the vaccine give me COVID-19?

No, the vaccine does not cause COVID-19. None of the approved COVID-19 vaccines contain the virus that causes COVID-19. It does take a few weeks after vaccination for your body to build up antibodies to protect you from the virus. That means it's possible you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after getting the vaccine and still get sick.

3 Will the shot hurt or make me sick?

Some people might get sore muscles, feel tired, or have mild fever after getting the vaccine. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a few days. If you have any concerns, call your doctor or nurse.



FAQs about COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace: For Workers

1 Will my employer require proof that I am vaccinated?

Whether an employer may require or mandate COVID-19 vaccination is a matter of state or other applicable law. If your employer requires you to provide proof that you received a COVID-19 vaccination from a pharmacy or your own healthcare provider, you do not need to provide any medical information as part of the proof. Learn more from the [U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#).

2 How will I remember to get the second shot?

Each person getting the COVID-19 vaccine will receive a vaccination record card to make sure they receive the correct vaccine for the second dose. You can also enroll in [v-safe](#), a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. [V-safe](#) will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

3 What if I miss my second shot?

Some people who receive the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine may not be able to receive the second dose when their employer offers it. In those cases, they may complete the vaccine series by bringing their vaccination record card to another location in their area that is administering vaccine. You should not need to restart your series of shots. It is important that you get the same vaccine for both your first and second dose.

4 What if I can't be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons?

The [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#) has no position on COVID-19 vaccination. With a medical exemption, some people may be at risk for an adverse reaction because of an allergy to one of the vaccine components or a medical condition.



FAQs about COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace: For Employers

1 What are the benefits of having a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program?

Making COVID-19 vaccination part of your workplace wellness program offers many benefits to you and your employees. To keep your workplace healthy, consider offering free, on-site COVID-19 vaccination at your business locations.

Potential benefits to employers:

- Keep the workforce healthy by preventing employees from getting COVID-19
- Reduce absences due to illness
- Reduce time missed from work to get vaccinated
- Improve productivity
- Improve morale

Potential benefits to employees:

- Prevent COVID-19 illness
- Reduce absences and doctor visits due to illness
- Offers convenience
- Improve morale

If your business can't offer COVID-19 vaccinations on site, or if your state or jurisdiction has determined that your business is not a suitable location at this time, encourage employees to seek COVID-19 vaccination in their community and provide them with information about where they can get the vaccine.

2 How does my workplace implement a COVID-19 vaccination program?

Employers considering implementing a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program should contact the health department in [their jurisdiction](#) for guidance. The planning process for hosting a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program should include input







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COVID-19 and Vaccine Basics

Key facts about COVID-19 vaccination

			
Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19	People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated	COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19	COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>

*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hsp/testing-overview.html>

Slides

Key Messages

You can help stop the pandemic by getting a COVID-19 vaccine. To stop this pandemic, we need to use all our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed (also called "immunity").

In the coming months, doctors' offices, retail pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics will offer COVID-19 vaccine. Your doctor's office or local pharmacy may have contacted you with information about their vaccine plans. If not, you can [contact your state or local health department](#) to find out when and where vaccines will be available in your community.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. Learn how.

Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

- Why should I get vaccinated for COVID-19?**
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- Can the vaccine give me COVID-19?**
No, the vaccine does not cause COVID-19. None of the approved COVID-19 vaccines contain the virus that causes COVID-19. It does take a few weeks after vaccination for your body to build up antibodies to protect you from the virus. That means it's possible you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after getting the vaccine and still get sick.
- Will the shot hurt or make me sick?**
Some people might get some muscle, foot, tired, or have mild fever after getting the vaccine. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a few days. If you have any concerns, call your doctor or nurse.
- Why do I need two COVID-19 shots?**
Some COVID-19 vaccines need two shots. The first shot gets your body ready. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get your second shot at the time you are told, to make sure you have full protection.
- Should I get vaccinated if I already had COVID-19?**
Yes, you should be vaccinated because you can become infected more than once. Although you may have some short-term natural protection (known as immunity) after recovering from COVID-19, we don't know how long this protection will last. Vaccination is the best protection, and it's safe. People who get COVID-19 can have serious illnesses, and some have terrible symptoms that continue for months. If you have had COVID-19, ask your doctor, nurse, or clinic when you should be vaccinated.
- When will I be able to get the vaccine?**
Although CDC makes recommendations for who should be offered COVID-19 vaccine first, each state has its own plan for deciding who will be vaccinated first and how they can receive vaccines. Please [contact your local health department](#) for more information on COVID-19 vaccination in your area.
- Do I have to pay for the vaccine?**
No. The federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States.

Key messages & FAQs

Posters

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Community Leader—please customize the letter below for your community.

Dear [MEMBER],

Across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic is having devastating effects. Here at (INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME), we have felt the pain and loss in our own community. We've supported families who have been affected and mourned those we have lost.

While the pandemic has kept us apart, there is new hope—vaccines are here. They will help us move closer to ending the pandemic.

We want everyone in our community to be safe and get back to hugging our families and friends and shaking hands with our neighbors. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection for you, your family, and your loved ones. Here are some key points about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States are very effective at preventing the disease.
- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet apart from people who don't live with you, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, washing your hands frequently, and **getting vaccinated**.

We all play a part in this effort, and you are key. Please sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccination at (INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE TO GET VACCINATED).

If you have questions about vaccination clinics in (INSERT COMMUNITY CLINIC INFORMATION), please contact (INSERT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION).

If you want to know more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines

Sincerely,
(INSERT SIGNATURE OF ORGANIZATION LEADER)

Note to organizations: Use this article in your e-newsletters or hard copy newsletters that you distribute to members. Please consider a "special edition" newsletter with this article and supplement it with information about who to contact for more information about vaccines. Feel free to customize the text to make it appropriate for your organization.

COVID-19 vaccine: It's our turn to roll up our sleeves and get vaccinated!

It's hard to imagine a time when we didn't know COVID-19 existed. Now when people say "virus," we know what they mean. The impact of COVID-19 on our lives, our activities, and our freedom has affected us all. The responsibility is ours, as a community, to help stop this virus. Now we have a new, safe, and effective tool to help us do that—COVID-19 vaccines.

It takes everyone.

We all need to step up to beat COVID-19. We ask you to join us in protecting yourself, your family and friends, and our community by getting vaccinated.

(INSERT QUOTE FROM ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP. Suggested quote: "COVID-19 vaccination is one of the strongest tools we can use to fight this pandemic together,") says [NAME AND TITLE].

Getting vaccinated adds an important layer of protection for you, your family, and loved ones. Here are some things you should know about the COVID-19 vaccine:

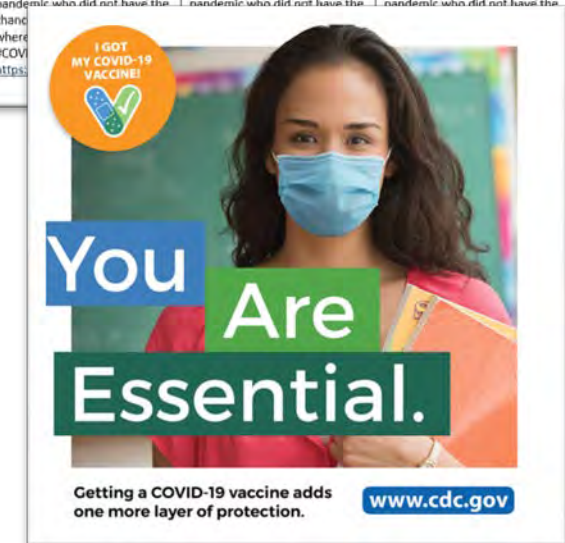
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Community Based Organizations
Social Media Message Bank:

Content Topic	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter	LinkedIn
Testimony Quote	"I got the shot to do my part in stopping #COVID19. Learn how and where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine, too." https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	"I got the shot to do my part in stopping #COVID19. Learn how and where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine, too." at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	"I got the shot to do my part in stopping #COVID19. Learn how and where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine, too." at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	"I got the shot to do my part in stopping #COVID19. Learn how and where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine, too." at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N
Vaccine Benefits	Have you scheduled your COVID-19 vaccine appointment? Vaccination works better when we do it together. #SleeveUp for a future safe from #COVID19. Find your vaccine site at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	Vaccination works better when we do it together. #SleeveUp for a future safe from #COVID19. Find your vaccine site at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	Vaccination works better when we do it together. #SleeveUp for a future safe from #COVID19. Find your vaccine site at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N	Have you scheduled your COVID-19 vaccination appointment? Vaccination works better when we do it together. #SleeveUp for a future safe from #COVID19. Find your vaccine site at https://bit.ly/3bP6r5N
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Customizable Letters


Newsletter Content

Social Media Content

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Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

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The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.


Different types of COVID-19 vaccines will be available. Most of these vaccines are given in two shots, one at a time and spaced apart. The first shot gets your body ready. The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get both of them. The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.

 www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines

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Información sobre las vacunas contra el COVID-19

Las vacunas son una de las herramientas más eficaces para proteger su salud y prevenir la enfermedad.



Para detener esta pandemia, debemos usar todas nuestras herramientas más eficaces para proteger su salud y prevenir la enfermedad. Las vacunas trabajan con las defensas naturales del cuerpo para que **su cuerpo esté preparado** para combatir el virus, si usted se expone (también se llama inmunidad). Hay otras medidas que también ayudan a detener la propagación del COVID-19, como usar una mascarilla que le cubra la nariz y la boca, y mantenerse a al menos 6 pies de distancia de otras personas que no vivan con usted.

Hay estudios que muestran que las **vacunas** contra el COVID-19 son **muy efectivas** para mantenerlo alejado del COVID-19. Los expertos también creen que ponerse una vacuna COVID-19 puede ayudar a mantenerlo alejado de enfermarse gravemente, incluso si contrae el COVID-19. Estas vacunas no le dan la enfermedad.

حقائق حول لقاحات كوفيد-19

اللقاحات إحدى الأدوات لمحاربة جائحة كوفيد-19.



لوقف هذه الجائحة، نحتاج إلى استخدام جميع أدوات الوقاية المتاحة لدينا. اللقاحات واحدة من أكثر الوسائل فعالية لحماية صحتك والوقاية من الأمراض. تعمل اللقاحات مع جهاز المناعة بحيث يكون جسمك مستعدًا لمحاربة الفيروس، إذا تعرضت له. تساعد الخطوات الأخرى، مثل ارتداء قناع يغطي الأنف والفم والابتعاد مسافة 6 أقدام على الأقل عن الأشخاص الآخرين الذين لا تعيش معهم، على وقف انتشار كوفيد-19.

تُشير الدراسات إلى أن لقاحات كوفيد-19 **فعالة جدًا** في حمايتك من الإصابة بفيروس كوفيد-19. يعتقد الخبراء أيضًا أن الحصول على لقاح كوفيد-19 قد يساعد في حمايتك من الإصابة بمرض خطير حتى لو أصبت بكوفيد-19. وهذه اللقاحات لا يمكنها أن تسبب المرض في الوقت نفسه.

- [Facts about COVID-19 vaccines](#) [495 KB, 2 pages]
- [Arabic](#) [1 MB, 3 pages] | [Español](#) [562 KB, 2 pages]
- [Korean](#) [1 MB, 3 pages] | [Russian](#) [1 MB, 3 pages]
- [Simplified Chinese](#) [1 MB, 3 pages] | [Tagalog](#) [1 MB, 3 pages]
- [Traditional Chinese](#) [1 MB, 3 pages] | [Vietnamese](#) [1 MB, 3 pages]

COVID-19 Disability Resources

Toolkit: People with Disabilities

- *Guidance and Planning Documents:*
 - [Guidance for Direct Service Providers for People with Disabilities](#)
 - [Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
 - [Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
 - [Guidance for Handlers of Service and Therapy Animals](#)
- *Web Resources:*
 - [People with Disabilities](#)
 - [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
 - [People with Certain Medical Conditions](#)
 - [American Sign Language \(ASL\) Video Series](#)
 - [Easy to Read COVID-19 Safety](#)

Vaccine-Related Resources

- [Vaccine Considerations for People with Disabilities](#)
- [Clinical Considerations: Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities](#)
- [Clinical Considerations: Vaccinating Homebound Persons](#)

Accessible materials

- Project with GA Tech Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation and CDC Foundation
<https://cidi.gatech.edu/covid>
- Webinars and tools
- Formats
 - American Sign Language
 - Braille
 - Easy to Read
 - Accessible Word documents and PDFs



Braille Resources

Download or request braille documents.



Accessible Word Documents & PDFs

Documents are compatible with screen readers and AT that reads text.



ASL Resources

Coming Soon!



Easy to Read

Simplified Text

Learn About COVID-19.

