



# Why Get Vaccinated?

## What You Need to Know About the COVID Vaccine

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. Even after getting the vaccine, it is important to remember that we will all need to continue to wear masks, social distance, and properly wash our hands. Combined, these are the most effective tools we have in helping us reduce the chance of being exposed to the virus and spreading it to others. Getting vaccinated will help your immune system fight the virus if you are exposed.

### The vaccine may help protect you from getting COVID



All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at protecting you against getting COVID-19. [Learn more about how federal partners are ensuring COVID-19 vaccines work.](#)

### The vaccine is an added tool in your toolbox



Getting the vaccines is an extra layer of protection when combined with social distancing, wearing masks, and washing your hands. [It helps to protect others around you.](#)

### Vaccination is a safe way to build protection



The COVID-19 vaccines help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience the virus. [Frequently Asked Questions about vaccines.](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts Vs. Fiction

### FACTS

VS

### FICTION



#### The vaccine is safe.

Scientists, medical experts, and researchers have ensured that every detail of these vaccines has been thoroughly and rigorously evaluated.



#### The vaccine benefits you directly.

COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. By getting your vaccine, you protect yourself from illness which could impact your ability to do the things you do daily.



#### The vaccine benefits everyone.

This will allow us to eventually resume "normal" life - including open restaurants, movie theaters, and other public gathering places.



#### The vaccine was developed too quickly to be safe.

Scientists have been conducting advanced research on coronavirus and related viruses for years prior to the pandemic. Research of all vaccines, including the COVID vaccine, must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use.



#### The vaccine will give me COVID-19 if I get vaccinated.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, so they cannot infect you with the virus.



#### The vaccine will change my DNA.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been studied extensively, determined to be safe, and cannot interact with or alter your DNA.