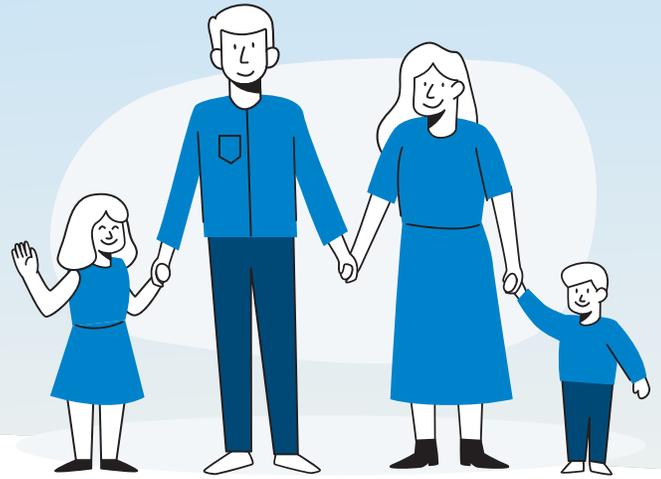


Frequently Asked Questions About The COVID-19 Vaccine



How does the COVID vaccine work?

- COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19

What COVID vaccines are available and covered by my insurance?

The following vaccines have been approved by the FDA for the designated age groups and covered by your insurance at no-cost to you:

- Pfizer – 12 years of age and older
- Moderna – 18 years of age and older
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) – 18 years of age and older



How Many Shots Will I Need?

- Pfizer – 2 shots, 21 days apart
- Moderna – 2 shots, 28 days apart
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) – 1 shot

When does the COVID vaccine become effective?

- Two weeks after you have received all required doses, you will be protected
- Receiving the second dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine is required for you to be protected

What are the benefits of getting vaccinated?

- Your chances of getting COVID is greatly reduced
- You can resume activities that you could not do during the pandemic (i.e., gathering with family and friends that are fully vaccinated)
- As more people get vaccinated, the chances of spreading the virus decrease

How effective is the COVID-19 vaccine?

- In clinical trials, Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen are shown to be 100% effective at preventing severe disease

Common Side Effects

The following side effects are common, but typically go away within a few days of getting the vaccine:

- Pain, swelling and redness at the injection site
- Tiredness, headache, muscle pain, fever, chills and nausea

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Why It Is Important to Get Your Second COVID-19 Vaccine Dose



Of the three COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States, Pfizer and Moderna require two doses, administered 3-4 weeks apart.

Why do Pfizer and Moderna require two shots?

- In clinical trials, the first dose did not produce an acceptable immune response therefore, the second dose is required to achieved acceptable immunity against COVID-19
- In clinical trials, 1-14 Days after the first dose, the effectiveness rate was at 50%
- 14 days after the second dose, the effectiveness rate was approximately at 94%

Why is it important to get both doses?

- Your chances of getting COVID is greatly reduced
- You can resume activities that you could not do during the pandemic (i.e., gathering with family and friends that are fully vaccinated)
- As more people get vaccinated, the chances of spreading the virus decrease
- According to the CDC, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks indoors and outdoors in most settings*

Where do I get my 2nd dose?

- 2nd dose is typically by the pharmacy that administered the 1st dose
- If the pharmacy that administered your 1st dose does not have the vaccine available, they will direct you to a pharmacy that has the vaccine in stock

Is my 2nd dose covered?

- Yes, at no-cost to you

*Subject to local and state guidelines

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