

# COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

## Fact #1:

The vaccine is safe.

*The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible before being released to the public. 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.*



## Fact #2

You will still need to practice safety measures.

*Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus.*

## Fact #3:



The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19.

*The vaccine may cause side effects, like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever. 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 day or two. Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19.*



## Fact #4:

If you've had COVID-19, you can still benefit from the vaccine.

*It is currently unknown how long you may have natural immunity after contracting COVID-19; therefore, it is recommended that you receive a vaccine even after having the virus.*

## Fact #5:



The vaccine can protect you from multiple strains of the virus.

*Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19 and variant strains. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.*

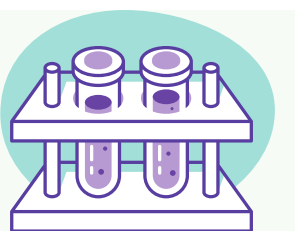


## Fact #6:

You won't immediately have full immunity.

*It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot.*

## Fact #7:



The COVID-19 Vaccines are 94-95% effective.

*COVID vaccines are mRNA vaccines (different from the flu shot!), which teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. This produces antibodies to protect us from getting infected by the virus.*