

COVID-19 Vaccine

Available COVID-19 Vaccines

There are three COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Pfizer

- Authorized for people ages **5-15** years and **fully approved** for people ages **16 years and older**
- Type: **mRNA**
- Fully vaccinated after: **2 doses**
- **Additional dose** recommended for certain groups at least **28 days** after the second dose
- **Booster dose** recommended **six** months later for people **18+** years

Moderna

- Authorized for people ages **18 years and older**
- Type: **mRNA**
- Fully vaccinated after: **2 doses**
- **Additional dose** recommended for certain groups at least **28 days** after the second dose
- **Booster dose** recommended **six** months later for people ages **18 years and older**

Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)

- Authorized for people ages **18 and older**
- Type: **viral vector**
- Fully vaccinated after: **1 dose**
- Additional dose of primary series not recommended
- **Booster dose** recommended **two months** later

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free.

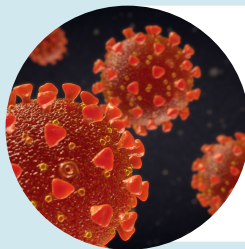
- All the COVID-19 vaccines have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as all other vaccines.
- Millions of people have already gotten the COVID-19 vaccine safely.
- Very few (less than 0.005%) vaccinated people have severe side effects. You are more likely to have serious long-term effects if you get COVID-19 and are not vaccinated.
- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths.



Why should I get the vaccine?



You can get back to doing the things you love more safely.



Vaccines help stop the spread of the virus and its variants.



Vaccines protect you and the people around you from getting sick.

How do vaccines work?

- Vaccines help your body recognize and fight bacteria or viruses so you don't get as sick.
- COVID-19 vaccines use either messenger RNA (mRNA) or a safe version of a different virus (a vector) to deliver instructions to our cells.
- Our cells use these instructions to create a specific protein so our immune system can recognize and fight the virus.



Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines

- The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 so they cannot give you COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.
- COVID-19 vaccines do not cause infertility or problems trying to get pregnant.



Remember:

- **The vaccine is free! You don't need insurance or an ID to get it.**
- Side effects are normal. They can be a sign the vaccine is working.
- If you are getting a two-dose vaccine, like Pfizer or Moderna, know when to go back to get your second dose.



Where can I get vaccinated?

Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 211 to learn where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available.

The combination of vaccination and following good public health behaviors will offer the best protection for all from COVID-19.



Pack your mask



Get tested if you have symptoms
or after close contact



Stay 6 feet apart

Vaccines help your immune system be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Wearing masks, physical distancing, and other public health tools help reduce your risk of being exposed to the virus and spreading it to others.

Visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm for more information.

