

COVID-19 Vaccine Questions

From the Field



Do the COVID-19 vaccines affect DNA?

No. COVID-19 vaccines do not change DNA. They deliver instructions that make your cells look like the virus. These cells then act as 'models' to help train your immune system against COVID-19.



Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No. These vaccines teach your cells to look like the virus. You might feel symptoms as your immune system responds to new proteins, but your body is just training to fight a real virus if it's ever exposed.



Do I need to get the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

Yes. It's recommended that you get a COVID-19 vaccine even if you've already had COVID-19. Some studies have shown that vaccination strongly boosts protection in people who've previously contracted COVID-19.



Should I get vaccinated against COVID-19 if I am young & healthy?

Yes. Young and healthy people can still experience serious illness or death from COVID-19. Even if some people experience mild effects from COVID-19, they can still pass the virus along to people who could become more seriously ill.



What does FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) mean?

An EUA is a way for the FDA to speed up how we mass produce vaccines and approve paperwork during an emergency. It doesn't affect vaccine safety because it doesn't change how we research and develop vaccines.



How were COVID-19 vaccines made so quickly?

COVID-19 vaccines were developed in record time because scientists built from decades of research, they were given a lot of resources, and regulators prioritized reviewing COVID-19 vaccine applications.



Is the vaccine safe for adolescents and children?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for their authorized age groups: 16 and up for Moderna and J&J, and 12 and up for Pfizer.



Can pregnant women get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. If you are pregnant, you can receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Pregnant people are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can lower that risk.



Can women who are breastfeeding get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. Lactating people can receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines have not been studied extensively on lactating people, but there are no known safety concerns.



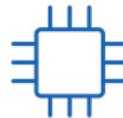
Can I get the vaccine if I want to have children someday?

Yes. If you want to get pregnant now or in the future, you can still get a COVID-19 vaccine. There is currently no evidence that COVID-19 vaccination causes any problems with pregnancy or fertility.



Does the vaccine have a magnetic effect?

No. COVID-19 vaccines do not contain ingredients that can produce an electromagnetic field at the site of your injection. All COVID-19 vaccines are free from metals and will not make you magnetic.



Does the vaccine have a microchip?

No, the vaccine does not contain a microchip. The ingredients of the vaccine are safe and were evaluated in clinical trials.



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