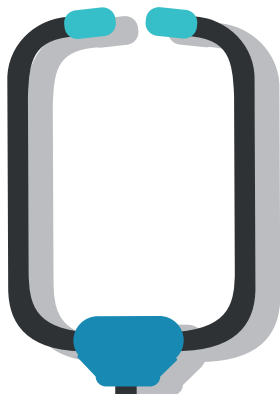
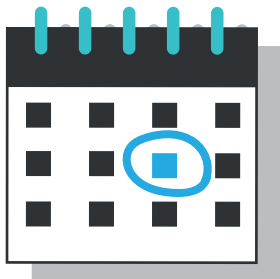


# COVID-19 VACCINE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## 1 What is in the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are Messenger RNA vaccines. Also called mRNA vaccines, they are the first COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the US.

mRNA vaccines are a new type of vaccine to protect against infectious diseases. To trigger an immune response, many vaccines put a weakened or inactivated germ into our bodies. Not mRNA vaccines. Instead, they teach our cells how to make a protein, or even just a piece of a protein, that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected by the real virus.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine contain eggs, preservatives, or latex.

## 2 Should I get the vaccine if I am pregnant or breastfeeding, and does it cause infertility?

Although there is limited data about COVID-19 vaccines for people who are pregnant, based on how mRNA vaccines work, experts believe they are unlikely to pose a risk for pregnancy.

mRNA vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and, therefore, cannot give someone COVID-19. Additionally, mRNA vaccines do not interact with a person's DNA because it does not enter the nucleus of the cell.

In addition, although there is no specific data of COVID-19 vaccines in lactating women, on the breastfed infant, or on milk production/excretion, mRNA vaccines are not thought to be a risk to the breastfeeding infant.

Lastly, there is no evidence at this time to support that the COVID-19 vaccine causes infertility. However, if you have questions, you should talk to your doctor.

## 3 What side effects might I experience?

After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects. This is a normal sign that your body is building protection.

In the arm where you got the shot, you may experience pain, swelling, or redness. Throughout the rest of your body, you may experience chills, tiredness, or headache.

These side effects usually start within a day or two of getting the vaccine, but they should go away in a few days.



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