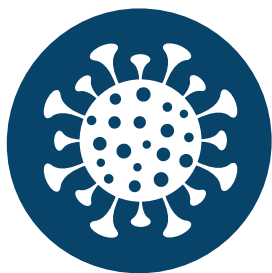


COVID-19 VACCINE FACT SHEET



Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine will give me COVID-19.

FACT COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19

None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development or in use in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.



Myth: I already had COVID-19, so I don't need to get the vaccine.

FACT People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated

Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, people may be advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before.



Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA.

FACT Receiving an mRNA vaccine will not alter your DNA

mRNA vaccines are a new type of vaccine to protect against infectious diseases. The mRNA from a COVID-19 vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell, and is not able to alter or modify a person's genetic makeup (DNA).



Myth: Since COVID-19's survival rate is so high, I don't need a vaccine.

FACT COVID-19 vaccines are one of many ways to help protect yourself and others

Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. If you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you. COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how it will affect you or others.



Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine was developed too quick and is unsafe.

FACT COVID-19 vaccines have been rigorously tested for safety.

mRNA technology is new, but not unknown, and has been studied for more than a decade. mRNA vaccines have shorter manufacturing times and can be developed in a laboratory using a DNA template. This means the process can be standardized, making vaccine development faster than traditional methods.