

THE COVID-19 VACCINE

FACT SHEET AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FEAR

THE VACCINES ARE NOT SAFE BECAUSE THEY WERE RUSHED

FACT

NO STEPS WERE SKIPPED IN TESTING OR DEVELOPMENT

Credit: The Unbiased Science Podcast



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MRNA VACCINES CHANGE YOUR PERSONAL DNA

FACT

MRNA DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR DNA

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MRNA VACCINE TECHNOLOGY IS NEW

FACT

MRNA VACCINES HAVE BEEN STUDIED FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS

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COVID VACCINES CONTAIN HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

FACT

VACCINE INGREDIENTS ARE TESTED FOR SAFETY AND ARE PUBLICALLY LISTED

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YOU WILL GET COVID-19 FROM RECEIVING THE VACCINE

FACT

THE COVID-19 VACCINE DOES NOT GIVE YOU COVID-19 OR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

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VACCINES AFFECT FERTILITY AND PREGNANCY

FACT

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE VACCINE IS ABLE TO AFFECT FERTILITY

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Important Information About Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

People with disabilities are at higher risk for getting sick from COVID-19. It is important that people with disabilities, their families, and their support staff get the vaccine so that everyone is protected.

Who can get the vaccine?

- If you are 5 years old or older, you are eligible now to get the vaccine. Your paid and un-paid caregivers, including your family members who support you, can also get the vaccine.
- When you make your appointment, ask what you should bring. Some clinics may ask for an ID information, but it is not a requirement to have insurance or an ID before you get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are free.

Where can I get the vaccine?

- Most pharmacies are now offering the vaccine including: Costco, CVS, Hy-Vee, Metro Market, Pick-n-Save, Meijer, Walgreens, Walmart and other independent pharmacies are also offering the vaccine.
- Many doctors offices and clinics are now scheduling vaccine appointments.
- You can find available vaccine appointments through:
<https://www.vaccines.gov/> or by calling 211

How can I get to my vaccine?

- If parents or caregivers are available, they can provide transportation.
- Care Managers, IRIS Consultants or Service Coordinators can help with scheduling transportation if needed. If you use Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT), it can be scheduled for the same day as your vaccine.
- Some places are doing at home vaccination programs. If you are not able to leave your home to get a vaccine, this is a good option.

When to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster

If you got the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

1. You SHOULD get the booster if you are:
 - 50 or older
 - 18 or older and live in a long term care setting
2. You MAY get the booster if you are:
 - 18 or older

AND It has been 6 months or more since your second shot.

If you got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine:

1. It's been 2 months or more since your shot and
2. You are 18 or older.



You can choose which vaccine to get as a booster. Some people might want to get the same vaccine type as they got before or get a different vaccine type. It is safe to get any of the three vaccines as a booster.

For help getting the COVID-19 vaccine or booster, call the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance Hotline (844) 684-1064 or call the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) at (608)-266-7826.



Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

What should I bring to my vaccine appointment?

You SHOULD NOT be turned away if you do not have insurance or an ID. Each vaccine provider may want you to bring different items. Make sure to check their website or call them to see what you should bring. Common items to bring include:

- Confirmation of your appointment.
- Your vaccination card, if you are going for your second shot.
- Your insurance card, if you have one.
- An ID or something with your name and address on it, like mail.

Should caregivers get a vaccine?

Yes, it is important for caregivers to get vaccinated. Getting the vaccine can help keep caregivers from getting sick with COVID-19 and spreading it to others.

How many shots do I need to get for the vaccine to work?

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are given in two shots separated by a few weeks. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is given in one shot. The person giving the vaccine will let you know if you need to come back for a second shot.

You may need to get a booster shot after a few months to stay protected. The person giving the vaccine can tell you when or if you should come back for a booster.

Should my caregiver or I get the vaccine if we've already been sick with COVID-19?

Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19, because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting it again. If you had a treatment for COVID-19, you should talk to your doctor before getting the vaccine.

Do we need to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine?

No. You will get the vaccine for free.

Do I still need to wear a mask and physically distance after getting the vaccine?

It is important for everyone to continue to wear a mask and physically distance to protect others and stop the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about what you can do after you get vaccinated at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-after.htm>

Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines. Some people have no side effects. Many people have reported only mild side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. These are normal and can be signs the body is building protection. When someone gets the vaccine, they wait for 15-30 minutes with the person who gave it to them to make sure they are safe. The Pfizer vaccine has full FDA approval for people over 16. If you are concerned about the vaccine, you should talk to your doctor.

Who can help me if I have questions?

You can call the Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance Hotline with any questions **(844) 684-1064**. You can also find more resources at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>