

THE COVID-19 VACCINE

FACT SHEET AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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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

Credit: The Unbiased Science Podcast



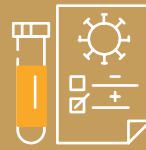
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MRNA VACCINE TECHNOLOGY IS NEW

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

Credit: The Unbiased Science Podcast

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?

- Anyone 6 months or older is eligible to get the vaccine. Children under 5 may need a prescription from a doctor before getting a vaccine at a pharmacy.
- Your paid and un-paid caregivers, including your family members who support you can get vaccines too!
- When you make your appointment, ask what you should bring. Some places may ask for an ID, but it is NOT required you have insurance or ID to get a vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are free.

Where can I get the vaccine?

- Your primary care clinic.
- Many pharmacies.
- Your public health department.
- Some areas offer pop-up clinics or mobile clinics.
- 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

Many people are now eligible for booster shots. Who needs one and when depends on your age and which brand of vaccine you received. For more information, see the vaccine schedule from the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-vacc-schedule-at-a-glance-508.pdf>



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.

When do I know I'm up to date on my COVID vaccines?

The number of shots you need depends on your age and which brand of vaccine you receive. This is true for both the first series of shots and additional boosters. For more information, see the vaccine information from WI DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-booster.htm>

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?

Wear a well-fitting mask and physically distance if you:

- Have symptoms of COVID-19
- Have tested positive in the last 10 days
- Have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 in the last 10 days
- Are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying conditions
- Live in an area with medium or high COVID-19 Community Levels.

You can check your COVID-19 Community Level here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

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. 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/index.htm>