

# COVID-19 Vaccine

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **1. Were the COVID-19 vaccines rushed?\***<sup>1</sup>

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson did not rush the vaccine testing for safety.

COVID-19 vaccines are new, but mRNA vaccines, like Pfizer and Moderna, are not. They have been studied for years for other diseases like Zika, rabies, and in cancer research.

The type of COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson & Johnson was created in the 1970's and has been used to treat cancer, flu, HIV and in research.

The vaccines were approved so fast because the FDA made it a priority.

### **2. Did many people test the vaccines first?\***<sup>234</sup>

More than 70,000 people volunteered to test out the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and more than 40,000 tested Johnson & Johnson, helping to make sure the vaccines were safe.

Scientists and public health officials, not politicians, decided when the COVID-19 vaccine was safe, effective and ready for the public.

### **3. Do any of the vaccines have the COVID-19 virus in them?\***<sup>1</sup>

No. None of the COVID-19 vaccines have the COVID-19 virus in them.

### **4. I heard you can get sick from the COVID-19 vaccine.\***<sup>1</sup>

You may feel sick after you get vaccinated for COVID-19. You could have a sore arm, be tired, have a headache, fever or feel cold and you may feel sick to your stomach.

### **5. I already had COVID-19, do I need a COVID-19 shot?\***<sup>1</sup>

Yes, you still need a COVID-19 shot. Getting the COVID-19 shot can protect you longer.

## **6. Does the COVID-19 vaccine change my DNA?\***<sup>5</sup>

The vaccine does not change your DNA, it works with your body's natural defense to help protect you from the virus.

## **7. I know people who had the COVID-19 vaccine and still got COVID-19.\***<sup>5</sup>

No vaccine is 100% effective. If you get COVID-19, the chances of you getting really sick or dying are much, much lower.

## **8. How do I know that the COVID-19 vaccine won't hurt me in the future?\***<sup>6</sup>

If there is going to be a problem (side effect) with a vaccine, it will usually be mild and will happen within the first three days after receiving the vaccine. Nearly all side effects will resolve within three days of beginning.

**More questions?**

**Give us a call and we can help you find the answers.**



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<sup>1</sup> Johns Hopkins Medicine <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines-myths-versus-fact>

<sup>2</sup> Pfizer <https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-announce-publication-results-landmark>

<sup>3</sup> Moderna <https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/clinical-trial-data>

<sup>4</sup> Johnson & Johnson <https://www.jnj.com/johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine-authorized-by-u-s-fda-for-emergency-usefirst-single-shot-vaccine-in-fight-against-global-pandemic>

<sup>5</sup> Mayo Clinic <https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/covid-19-vaccine-myths-debunked/>

<sup>6</sup> Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html#:~:text=Serious%20side%20effects%20that%20could,receiving%20a%20vaccine%20dose.>