

MYTHS VS FACTS



Partnership to Fight Infectious Disease



WHEN IT COMES TO VACCINES FOR COVID-19, THERE'S ONE THING EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON: A LOT OF MISINFORMATION EXISTS AT A TIME WHEN WE NEED CLARITY.

MYTH

You can get COVID-19 from the vaccine.



FACT

Like any medication, vaccines can cause side effects, but you cannot get sick with COVID-19 by taking the vaccine. In most cases, side effects are mild.



MYTH

The COVID-19 vaccine will be too expensive and not available for everyone.



FACT

Medical, public health, bioethics, and scientific experts are working on a plan to make sure that anyone who wants to be vaccinated against COVID-19 has access to a vaccine. Those at highest risk of exposure will be among the first people to be vaccinated.



MYTH

I can't trust that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe.



FACT

COVID-19 vaccines are being developed following all FDA requirements, involving thousands of volunteers from diverse backgrounds, to ensure the vaccines are safe and effective. Highly trained scientists and doctors at the FDA evaluate the results of all vaccine clinical studies to determine whether to approve them for use in the U.S., including for emergency authorizations.



MYTH

The COVID-19 vaccine was developed too quickly so it can't possibly be effective.



FACT

We didn't start from scratch. Knowledge gained from vaccine research on other coronaviruses (MERS and SARS, in particular) has helped. Safety and efficacy are not sacrificed for speed.



Protecting our families, coworkers, neighbors, and communities by stopping the spread of COVID-19 is the quickest way back to school, back to work, and back to seeing our loved ones of all ages.



While we wait for COVID-19 vaccines to become available, there are important steps each of us can take to lower our risk of contracting the virus.

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Keep at least 6 feet apart from others.



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