

COVID-19 VACCINES

WHAT TO KNOW



Partnership to Fight Infectious Disease



We know that vaccines are the key to bringing an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. We also know that people are looking for answers to their questions from trusted sources. **Here are three important things to know about vaccines.**

1

Vaccines have ended many infectious disease pandemics and are critical to slowing the continued spread and outbreaks of infections.

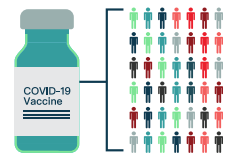
In the 1950s, polio caused 15,000 cases of paralysis each year, but the result of widespread polio vaccines has reduced the number of children disabled by polio by 99.9 percent worldwide in the last 30 years. The U.S. has been polio-free since 1979.



2

COVID-19 vaccines will be accessible, affordable, and must be distributed equitably to all people who want to be vaccinated.

The CDC shared a playbook to guide development and implementation of COVID-19 vaccination plans. 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. The National Academy of Medicine convened a group of experts to develop a framework for prioritizing distribution of vaccines.



3

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 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) evaluate the results of all vaccine clinical studies to determine whether to approve them for use in the U.S., including for emergency authorization use. The FDA and CDC continue to monitor use, track and publicly report side effects, and make sure there are no safety concerns.



Fastest Way Back to Everything

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 without risking contracting or spreading COVID-19.

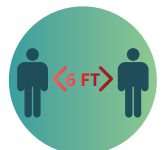
While we wait for COVID-19 vaccines to become available, there are important steps each of us can take to lower our risk of contracting the virus.



Wear a mask



Wash your hands regularly



Keep at least 6 feet apart from others.



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