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VACCINES & BOOSTERS

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Any vaccine approved or authorized by the FDA has gone through a rigorous testing and clinical trial process, involving highly-trained scientists and thousands of volunteers from diverse backgrounds.

Is it safe for my child to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. The CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. A child cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, visit the CDC’s website here.

How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

There is no cost for the vaccines, which were purchased by the federal government to be distributed to the American people. Vaccination providers can charge a fee for administering the shot, but no one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee.

How do I know if I need a first or more booster shots?

It is important to consult your physician with questions about receiving a vaccine booster shot, as there are important considerations relative to the timing of your first series of COVID-19 vaccinations or a previous booster. The current CDC recommendation is that everyone age 12 years or older receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. The CDC also indicates that some people can receive two boosters. See the latest CDC recommendations here.

If I already had COVID-19, do I still need to get vaccinated?

Yes. While there have been reports of COVID-19 patients developing antibodies against the virus, it is unclear whether and how long they provide immunity against the virus.

What treatment options are available if I become infected?

There are increasing treatment options available with many more being tested for future use. Learn more here.

If the vaccines are not 100% effective, why should I get one?

The COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against infection. They also significantly reduce the likelihood of serious illness, hospitalization, and death, as compared to those who are unvaccinated. Learn more from the CDC here.

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