

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](#).