COVID-19 Vaccine

Available COVID-19 Vaccines

There are three COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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<th>Pfizer-BioNTech</th>
<th>Moderna</th>
<th>Johnson &amp; Johnson (Janssen)</th>
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<td>• Authorized for people ages 5-15 years and fully approved for people ages 16 years and older</td>
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<td>• Type: mRNA</td>
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<td>• Type: viral vector</td>
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<td>• Fully vaccinated after: 2 doses</td>
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<td>• Additional dose recommended for certain groups at least 28 days after the second dose</td>
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<td>• Additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna recommended two months later for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised</td>
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<td>• Booster dose recommended five* months later for everyone 12 years and older</td>
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*People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should get a booster dose three months after their additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna. [https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm)

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free.

- All the COVID-19 vaccines have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as all other vaccines
- Millions of people have already gotten the COVID-19 vaccine safely.
- Very few (less than 0.005%) vaccinated people have severe side effects. You are more likely to have serious long-term effects if you get COVID-19 and are not vaccinated.
- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Why should I get the vaccine?

- You can enjoy doing the thing you love more safely.
- Vaccines help stop the spread of the virus and its variants.
- Vaccines protect you and your loved ones from getting really sick.
How do vaccines work?

- Vaccines help your body recognize and fight bacteria or viruses so you don’t get as sick.
- COVID-19 vaccines use either messenger RNA (mRNA) or a safe version of a different virus (a vector) to deliver instructions to our cells.
- Our cells use these instructions to create a specific protein so our immune system can recognize and fight the virus.

Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

- The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 so they cannot give you COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.
- COVID-19 vaccines do not cause infertility or problems trying to get pregnant.

Remember:

- The vaccine is free! You don’t need insurance or an ID to get it.
- Side effects are normal. They can be a sign the vaccine is working.
- You will need at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine for the best protection, including a booster dose when you are eligible. Mark your calendar so you know when to go back to get your next dose.

Where can I get vaccinated?
Visit vaccines.gov, text you ZIP code to 438829, or call 211 to learn where you can get your COVID-19 vaccine.

Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available.

The combination of vaccination and following good public health behaviors will offer the best protection for all from COVID-19.

Stay home if you are sick  
Get tested if you have symptoms or were exposed to COVID-19  
Pack a well-fitting mask

Visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm for more information