



# COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

## **Is the vaccine safe?**

Yes. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tested it to be sure it is safe. People who do not work for the FDA also watched the tests to be sure it was safe.

## **I heard they rushed the vaccine. Is it better to wait?**

The vaccine was developed using methods and information that already existed. Many people worked together to come up with a safe vaccine. It is better to get the vaccine as soon as possible so that you can keep yourself and others safe.

## **How many shots of COVID-19 vaccine do I need to get?**

You will need to get two shots. Your doctor's office will tell you when to come back for the second shot.

## **Do I need to wear a mask when I get the vaccine?**

Yes. You need to wear a mask when you are around other people. If you have trouble breathing with a mask on, you should not wear a mask. If you are not able to take a mask off without help, you should not wear a mask.

## **Do I need to pay for the vaccine?**

You do not have to pay to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

## **Who will get the COVID-19 vaccine first?**

Some groups will get the vaccine first. You can contact your local health department to find out who can get the vaccine.

## **I have already had COVID-19 and recovered. Do I still need the vaccine?**



If you had COVID-19 and have recovered, you can wait up to 90 days after you were first infected to get the vaccine. Anyone who has COVID-19 should wait until they have recovered to get the vaccine.

**Will the vaccine work on the new mutations of COVID-19?**

Yes. The vaccines were made so that they would also work on mutations.

**Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have received 2 doses of the vaccine?**

Yes. We are still learning about COVID-19 and how well the vaccine works. Many people still need the vaccine. You must wear a mask, wash your hands often, and avoid close contact with other people.

**When can I stop wearing a mask and avoiding close contact with others?**

There is not enough known right now to decide when we can stop wearing masks and avoiding close contact.

**How long will I be immune once I have the vaccine?**

Since this virus is new, we don't know how long immunity might last. We need more information to say how long immunity will last.

**What is herd immunity? How many people need to get vaccinated to have herd immunity to COVID-19?**

Herd immunity means so many people are immune that it is hard for the virus to spread.

We do not know how many people need to be vaccinated to have herd immunity. Every disease is different.

**Will there be enough of the vaccine for everyone?**

Many medical companies are working on making the vaccine. When the vaccines are ready, they are sent to doctor's offices. Some groups will be able to get the vaccine first. Eventually, everyone will be able to have the vaccine.