

COVID-19 Vaccine Comparison

	Pfizer - Biontech	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Government approved?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recommended for	Ages 5 and up	Ages 18 and up	Ages 18 and up
Number of shots	2 shots; 21 days (up to 6 weeks) between shots ♦	2 shots; 28 days (up to 6 weeks) between shots ♦	1 shot
Boosters	If you are 12 or older, booster after 5 months	If you are 18 or older, booster after 5 months	If you are 18 or older, booster after 2 months
Protects against COVID-19 virus ☆	Highly effective	Highly effective	Moderately effective
Common side effects	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, fever, nausea	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, fever, nausea	Injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, nausea

♦ If you have a weakened immune system, you will need a 3rd dose 28 days after the 2nd dose.

☆ Vaccines lower your risk of catching COVID-19. People who have been vaccinated tend to have milder symptoms than people who are not vaccinated.

