



COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

WHY GET A VACCINE?



- COVID-19 vaccines are **safe and effective**.
- The best way to protect yourself and loved ones from COVID-19, including variants, is to get vaccinated and boosted.
- Vaccination reduces your risk of getting sick, missing work or school, ending up in the hospital, or dying.

WHO CAN GET A VACCINE?

Anyone 5 years of age or older



- Vaccines are **free** to everyone – even if you don't have insurance.
- You will not be asked about your immigration status.
- Vaccines are recommended for everyone, including people who are pregnant or breastfeeding, and people who have had COVID-19.
- Most people with allergies can get a vaccine.

HOW TO GET A VACCINE

There are hundreds of sites across LA County - many are open weekends and evenings and don't need an appointment.



To find a location in your neighborhood:

- Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) or call **833-540-0473**, 8am to 8:30pm.
- You can also call 2-1-1 or ask your doctor or local pharmacist.
- Free transportation and in-home vaccination are also available.

Minors need consent from their parent or legal guardian to get vaccinated.

WHICH VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE US?

Pfizer and Moderna are recommended for both primary and booster doses.

	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson
Available for:	Age 5+	Age 18+	Age 18+
Primary series:	2 doses - 21 days apart	2 doses - 28 days apart	1 dose
Booster dose:	Age 12+ : 5 months later	Age 18+ : 5 months later	Age 18+ : 2 months later

Additional dose: Age 5+ who are immunocompromised and got Pfizer or Moderna.



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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS?

- Vaccine side effects are common and may include sore or red arm, feeling tired, fever, chills, headache, or muscle ache. They do not mean that you have COVID-19. Not everyone will get them.
- Side effects are a sign that your immune system is **building protection**. They may affect your ability to do some daily activities but should go away within a day or two of getting vaccinated.
- Serious side effects are rare, and most are treatable.



WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the vaccines contain the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The vaccines were tested on tens of thousands of people, including people of color, older adults, and people with medical conditions and found to be **safe and effective**.
- Since December 2020, **hundreds of millions of people** have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines continue to go through the most **intensive safety monitoring** in US history.
- There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility problems. They are safe for pregnant people and are recommended by pregnancy experts.

AFTER GETTING VACCINATED

- It takes 2 weeks after a primary series for the vaccines to be fully effective. For the best protection, it is important to get a booster dose when you are eligible.
- Vaccination greatly reduces your risks from COVID-19, but breakthrough infections can happen. After you are vaccinated, continue to take steps to protect yourself and others:
 - **Wear a mask that fits and filters well**
 - Stay home when sick
 - Wash your hands often
 - Avoid crowded places and spaces with poor air flow
 - Keep your distance

