



To our Incredible Patients and Residents, their Families and Loved Ones, and our Dedicated Team Members,

We've all been encouraged by news of the development, successful testing, and approval of the first effective vaccines against COVID-19. We are pleased that our state has placed a top priority on distributing and administering the vaccine to skilled nursing centers.

We are very excited of this opportunity, as the health, safety, and wellness of our residents, patients, and staff is our top priority. In an effort of full transparency, we are doing everything we can to help facilitate the vaccination process.

We are grateful for our partnership with Pharmscript Pharmacy, as this vaccination process will be both convenient and efficient for our residents, patients, and team members. An immunization clinic will be on-site at our community, where a team of pharmacy representatives will help us manage the immunization process. As always, we will continue to maintain our COVID-19 precautionary measures throughout this process.

Our incredible clinical team and frontline heroes continue to go above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of those that we care for and serve each and every day.

By receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, we will be protecting not only our own health and safety, but also the health, safety, and wellness of our loved ones, those who we serve, and our fellow neighbors in our local community.

As shared by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), here are several key facts regarding the COVID-19 vaccination:

- Getting vaccinated can help prevent you and others from getting sick with COVID-19. If you get sick, you may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you're sick, but a COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.
- People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated- experts aren't sure how long someone who has recovered from COVID-19 is protected from getting sick again.

**Vaccination Clinic Date: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Start time scheduled for 10:00 AM starting with the patient Vaccinations first**

We've all been in this together since the pandemic erupted in March 2020, and it has forced us to consistently consider how to best protect ourselves and each other. This long-awaited COVID-19 vaccine provides us all with a great chance to move forward and stop the spread of the virus. Let's come together again and continue to look out for one another by getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Administration



A nuestros increíbles pacientes y residentes, sus familias y seres queridos, y nuestros dedicados miembros del equipo,

Todos nos sentimos alentados por las noticias sobre el desarrollo, las pruebas exitosas y la aprobación de las primeras vacunas efectivas contra COVID-19. Nos complace que nuestro estado haya otorgado máxima prioridad a la distribución y administración de la vacuna a los centros de enfermería especializada.

Estamos muy entusiasmados con esta oportunidad, ya que la salud, la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros residentes, pacientes y personal es nuestra prioridad principal. En un esfuerzo de total transparencia, estamos haciendo todo lo posible para ayudar a facilitar el proceso de vacunación.

Estamos agradecidos por nuestra asociación con la Farmacia Pharmscript, ya que este proceso de vacunación será conveniente y eficiente para nuestros residentes, pacientes y miembros del equipo. Habrá una clínica de inmunización en nuestra comunidad, donde un equipo de representantes de la farmacia nos ayudará a gestionar el proceso de vacunación. Como siempre, continuaremos manteniendo nuestras medidas de cuidado contra COVID-19 durante todo este proceso.

Nuestro increíble equipo clínico y los héroes de primera línea continúan yendo más allá para garantizar la seguridad y el bienestar de aquellos a quienes cuidamos y servimos todos los días.

Al recibir la vacuna de COVID-19, estaremos protegiendo no solo nuestra propia salud y seguridad, sino también la salud, seguridad y bienestar de nuestros seres queridos, aquellos a quienes servimos y nuestros vecinos en nuestra comunidad local.

Según lo compartido por el CDC (Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades), aquí hay varios datos clave con respecto a la vacuna de COVID-19:

- La vacunación puede ayudar a evitar que usted y otras personas se enfermen con COVID-19. Si se enferma, puede transmitir la enfermedad a amigos, familiares y otras personas que lo rodean mientras está enfermo, pero la vacuna COVID-19 ayuda a protegerlo al crear una respuesta de anticuerpos sin tener que experimentar la enfermedad.
- Las vacunas de COVID-19 no le darán COVID-19.
- Las vacunas de COVID-19 no harán que la prueba del virus COVID-19 sea positiva.
- Las personas que se han enfermado con COVID-19 aún pueden beneficiarse de la vacuna; los expertos no están seguros de cuánto tiempo una persona que se ha recuperado del COVID-19 está protegida de enfermarse nuevamente.

**Fecha de Clínica de Vacunación de Palmetto Subacute: 18 de Agosto - Hora de inicio programada para las 10:00 a.m. comenzando primero con los paciente**

Todos hemos estado juntos en esto desde que estalló la pandemia en Marzo 2020, y nos ha obligado a considerar constantemente la mejor manera de protegernos nosotros mismos y a los demás. Esta vacuna de COVID-19 tan esperada nos brinda a todos una gran oportunidad de avanzar y detener la propagación del virus. Unámonos de nuevo y sigamos cuidándonos unos a otros al vacunarnos lo antes posible.

Sinceramente,  
Administración



# Answering Patients' Questions About COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccination

Patients seek health information from trusted sources, including healthcare providers and pharmacists. Your patients often consider you as one of their most trusted sources of information when it comes to vaccines. *Your* answers to their questions matter and will help them make an informed decision about getting a COVID-19 vaccination. Be clear and make a strong recommendation when you provide answers. Use language that assumes they will want to get vaccinated when it's available to them.

Prepare yourself to answer common questions about COVID-19 vaccines you may be asked by your patients. Some patients will have questions about COVID-19 vaccination even after you give your strong recommendation. These are new vaccines, and it's normal for patients to have questions about them. If a patient questions your recommendation about COVID-19 vaccination, this does not necessarily mean they will not accept a COVID-19 vaccine.

## Vaccine safety given the speed of vaccine development and rollout

The federal government has worked since the start of the pandemic to make COVID-19 vaccines available as soon as possible. This accelerated timeline is unprecedented. Some people are concerned that vaccine safety may have been sacrificed in favor of speed. However, as with all vaccines, safety is a top priority in the United States and globally.

### Key Points

- Millions of people in the United States and around the world have received COVID-19 vaccines. These vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.
- The United States is using established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe.
- Results from U.S. and global monitoring efforts are reassuring. No unexpected patterns of reactions or other safety concerns have been identified during early vaccine safety monitoring. And, if they show up, we have systems in place to quickly identify them and take action.
- All of the currently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines, have been carefully reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA is responsible for reviewing all safety data from clinical trials to determine if the expected benefits of vaccination outweigh potential risks.
  - Learn more about FDA's emergency use authorization (EUA) in this [video](#).
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviewed all safety data before recommending the current COVID-19 vaccines for use. [Learn how ACIP makes vaccine recommendations](#).

## Natural immunity versus vaccine immunity

Because some people with COVID-19 can have very mild symptoms, some may see natural infection as preferable to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Some people may be concerned that getting a COVID-19 vaccine could make them sicker if they do get COVID-19.

### Key Points

- COVID-19 can cause severe illness or death, and we can't reliably predict who will have mild or severe illness. You can also spread COVID-19 to others, including family. And, some people continue to have long-term health issues after COVID-19 infection.

- Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. However, experts don't know for sure how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- Currently available vaccines have been tested in large clinical trials and FDA has determined that they are [safe](#) and [effective](#).
  - The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). [Watch a video on what an EUA is.](#)
- Millions of Americans have already been vaccinated and these vaccines are undergoing the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. The same vaccines are used globally and the World Health Organization reports that hundreds of millions of vaccinations have been administered.
- Once you've been [fully vaccinated](#), you are able to more safely do some things, including travel.

## Common vaccine side effects

Some COVID-19 vaccines may be more reactogenic than other vaccines that people are more familiar with. It is important to set this expectation with your patients in case they experience a strong reaction after being vaccinated.

### Key Points

- Common [side effects](#) from vaccination are pain, redness, and swelling on the arm where the shot was given, and tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever and nausea throughout the rest of the body. Some people have no side effects.
  - Provide a comparison if it is appropriate for the patient (for example, pain after receiving the shingles vaccine for older adults who have received it).
- Side effects after the second dose, for vaccines that require two doses, may be more intense than the ones they experienced after the first shot.
- These side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Patients should seek medical care if their symptoms don't go away.
- While COVID-19 vaccines may cause side effects, vaccines cannot give someone COVID-19.
- Side effects are normal signs that the body is building protection.
- It is not recommended to take over-the-counter medicine – such as ibuprofen, aspirin, or acetaminophen – before vaccination for the purpose of trying to prevent vaccine-related side effects.
- Patients should talk to you or to their vaccination provider about any questions they may have about medications they are taking.

## Serious, long-term, or unknown side effects

Due to the relative speed with which these vaccines were developed, patients' concerns about long-term side effects are reasonable and to be expected. For other vaccines routinely used in the United States, the phases of clinical trials are performed one at a time. During the development of COVID-19 vaccines, these phases have overlapped to speed up the process so the vaccines can be used as quickly as possible to control the pandemic. No trial phases have been skipped.

### Key Points

- While COVID-19 vaccines have been developed rapidly, all steps have been taken to ensure their safety and effectiveness.
- In the United States, the FDA and CDC continue to monitor vaccine safety to make sure even long-term side effects are identified. Globally, many countries are also monitoring vaccine safety.
- COVID-19 vaccines are being continuously monitored for safety, and the FDA and ACIP will take action to address any safety problems detected.

## How many doses are needed and why

The mRNA vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, require two shots. The same vaccine brand must be used for both shots. The viral vector vaccine, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, only requires one shot.

### Key Points

- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine both need two shots in order to get the most protection.
- People should get their second shot even if they have side effects after the first shot, unless a vaccination provider or doctor has advised them [not to get it](#).
- Only one shot of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is needed to get the most protection.
- If two shots are required, the shots are given several weeks apart and both shots are generally needed to provide the best protection against COVID-19. The first shot primes the immune system, helping it recognize the virus, and the second shot strengthens the immune response.
- Patients should be advised to set up an appointment for their second dose before they leave.
- COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable with each other.
- CDC does not recommend one vaccine over the other. Tell your patient they should receive the first vaccine available to them.

## Which vaccine to get

Because there are different types of COVID-19 vaccines authorized and recommended, patients may have questions about which vaccine brand they should get.

### Key Points

- All currently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and CDC does not recommend one vaccine over another.
- Patients should get the first vaccine that is available to them. They should not wait for a specific brand.
- There is [vaccination information](#) available to give to your patients, including how to find a vaccination location, what to expect at their appointment, and more.
- Your patients should know the [benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine](#), including what they can start doing again once they are [fully vaccinated](#).

### Other Questions Patients May Have about COVID-19 Vaccination

If you have additional questions from patients, see [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#) for regularly updated answers to common questions.

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## COVID-19

To maximize protection from the [Delta variant](#) and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an [area of substantial or high transmission](#).

# COVID-19 Vaccines for Long-Term Care Facility Residents

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[Print](#)

Residents of long-term care facilities (LTCFs) ages 12 and older are recommended to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Many LTCFs have a population of older adults with [underlying medical conditions](#) living closely together in residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and continuing care retirement communities. These medical conditions and living situations put residents at increased risk of infection and severe illness from COVID-19.



Children and adolescents with intellectual and developmental [disabilities](#) living in any type of congregate setting — including institutions and group homes — are considered LTCF residents. This means they are also at an increased risk of infection and severe illness from COVID-19.

## Information About COVID-19 Vaccines for LTCF Residents and Family Members

You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

- COVID-19 vaccines are [safe](#), [effective](#), and especially important for older adults and [people with underlying health problems](#) like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and obesity.
- People with these conditions are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 and need protection provided by vaccination.
- You can't get COVID-19 from the vaccines.
- Depending on the [kind of COVID-19 vaccine you get](#), you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.
- COVID-19 vaccines can help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

If your loved one is not able to ask questions or otherwise communicate with LTCF staff, here's what to know about consent or assent for getting a COVID-19 vaccine:

- Consent or assent for COVID-19 vaccination will be obtained from LTCF residents (or people appointed to make medical decisions on their behalf) and documented in their charts per the facility's standard practice.
- Residents who receive a COVID-19 vaccine (or their medical proxies) will also receive an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet before vaccination. The EUA Fact Sheet explains the risks and benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.
- Some COVID-19 vaccination providers may require written, email, or verbal consent from recipients before vaccination. This is at their discretion; written consent is not required by federal law for COVID-19 vaccination in the United States.

- Residents (or their medical proxies) will receive a vaccination record card or printout that tells them which COVID-19 vaccine they received and the date they received it. This should also be recorded in their medical chart.

## Fast, Easy, Free, and Nearby COVID-19 Vaccination

The federal government is providing the vaccine **free of charge** to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Free



## Tips for How to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine

If you have not already been vaccinated against COVID-19, you or your family member can:

- Talk with the LTCF staff to determine if a vaccine can be made available to you on site.
- Ask a family member or friend to help you schedule a vaccination appointment if a vaccine is not available on site. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find vaccination providers near you.

**Find a COVID-19 Vaccine:** Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

**After getting vaccinated, some people have side effects.**

Common side effects include:

- Pain, redness, or swelling where you get your shot
- Tiredness
- Headache

- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

These are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about possible side effects and [what to expect after getting your COVID-19 vaccine](#).

CDC has information that LTCFs can use to [evaluate and manage residents' signs and symptoms after vaccination](#).

**After vaccination, everyone should continue to follow [guidance](#) to protect themselves and others.**

For your safety and the safety of those around you, LTCFs may recommend fully vaccinated residents continue to take precautions such as wearing a [mask](#) or getting tested for COVID-19.

Family members should follow [facility guidance on visitation](#) and infection control and wash their hands often.

Learn more about what people in the community can do [when they have been fully vaccinated](#) and [what precautions might still be recommended](#) in LTCFs.

## Related Pages

- › [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- › [Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- › [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- › [Information about Medicare and COVID-19 Vaccine](#) 
- › [For Healthcare Workers: Post-Vaccination Considerations for Residents](#)

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**FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS  
EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF  
THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019  
(COVID-19) IN INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

You are being offered the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2. This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, which you may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine and may prevent you from getting COVID-19. There is no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

Read this Fact Sheet for information about the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions. It is your choice to receive the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 1 month apart, into the muscle.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please visit [www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua](http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET THIS VACCINE**

**WHAT IS COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has not been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

**WHAT IS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

For more information on EUA, see the “**What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?**” section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOU GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Tell your vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies
- have had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine

## **WHO SHOULD GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 18 years of age and older.

## **WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

You should not get the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine if you:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine

## **WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine contains the following ingredients: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), lipids (SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol [DMG], cholesterol, and 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [DSPC]), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate trihydrate, and sucrose.

## **HOW IS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN?**

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 1 month apart.

If you receive one dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of the same vaccine 1 month later to complete the vaccination series.

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive a third dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least 1 month after the second dose.

## **HAS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?**

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine. In clinical trials, approximately 15,400 individuals 18 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

## **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

In an ongoing clinical trial, the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19 following 2 doses given 1 month apart. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

## **WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

There is a remote chance that the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) have occurred in some people who have received the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within a few days following receipt of the second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart

Side effects that have been reported in a clinical trial with the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site reactions: pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness
- General side effects: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever

Side effects that have been reported during post-authorization use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Severe allergic reactions
- Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
- Pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?**

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to **FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**. The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include “Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to ModernaTX, Inc. at 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762).

You may also be given an option to enroll in **v-safe**. **V-safe** is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. **V-safe** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

#### **WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

It is your choice to receive or not receive the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

#### **ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Currently, there is no FDA-approved alternative vaccine available for prevention of COVID-19. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under Emergency Use Authorization.

#### **CAN I RECEIVE THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE WITH OTHER VACCINES?**

There is no information on the use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

#### **WHAT IF I AM IMMUNOCOMPROMISED?**

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive a third dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. The third dose may still not provide full immunity to COVID-19 in people who are immunocompromised, and you should continue to maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19. In addition, your close contacts should be vaccinated as appropriate.

#### **WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?**

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

#### **WILL THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?**

No. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

## KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD

When you receive your first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show you when to return for your second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Remember to bring your card when you return.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

| Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine website  | Telephone number                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <a href="http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua">www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua</a><br> | 1-866-MODERNA<br>(1-866-663-3762) |

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

- Ask the vaccination provider
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>
- Contact your state or local public health department

## WHERE WILL MY VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?

The vaccination provider may include your vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. This will ensure that you receive the same vaccine when you return for the second dose. For more information about IISs, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>.

## CAN I BE CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

No. At this time, the provider cannot charge you for a vaccine dose and you cannot be charged an out-of-pocket vaccine administration fee or any other fee if only receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured recipients).

## WHERE CAN I REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD?

Individuals becoming aware of any potential violations of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements are encouraged to report them to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or TIPS.HHS.GOV.

## **WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?**

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit [www.hrsa.gov/cicp/](http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/) or call 1-855-266-2427.

## **WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?**

The United States FDA has made the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine available under an emergency access mechanism called an EUA. The EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has not undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved or cleared product. FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based on the totality of the scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 EUA declaration justifying emergency use of these products, unless terminated or revoked (after which the products may no longer be used).

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