

# COVID-19 VACCINE

## What you need to know



<b>WHO SHOULD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?</b>	It is highly recommended that all healthcare workers get vaccinated against COVID-19 when available.	
<b>WHAT SIDE EFFECTS MAY OCCUR?</b>	Like with many other vaccines, side effects are minimal. You may experience some pain and redness at the injection site. Other common side effects may include fatigue, fever, chills and headache. Most symptoms resolve within a day or sooner.	
<b>HOW MANY DOSES DO I NEED?</b>	<b>2</b>	Most COVID-19 vaccines require two doses to reach their full effectiveness, including the two currently being reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
<b>IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE SAFE?</b>	<b>YES</b>	Both COVID-19 vaccines were well tolerated in over 70,000 participants with no serious adverse events reported. The FDA requires close monitoring of all side effects during the trials and will continue monitoring for any safety event even once authorized for emergency use.
<b>WILL THE COVID-19 VACCINE WORK?</b>	<b>YES</b>	Both vaccines being reviewed by the FDA have shown to be greater than 94% effective in preventing a COVID-19 infection. The vaccine may also reduce your risk of getting a severe COVID-19 infection. This was seen across all ages, genders, races and ethnicities.

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