

Things You Need to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccination

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is top priority. The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective.

In the United States, many steps are in place to make sure vaccines are safe and effective. These steps consist of volunteers from a variety of racial, ethnic, and age groups participating in the clinical trials to ensure that the vaccine is safe for diverse communities. Information and data from the trials are independently reviewed by scientists, medical professionals, and public health experts before you ever get a vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has developed a new tool to rapidly detect any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. “V-safe” is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker. It will be offered to people when they receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

COVID 19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. Two doses are needed.

You need 2 doses of the currently available COVID-19 vaccine to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer against this serious disease.

There is currently a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine in the United States, but supply will increase in the weeks and months to come.

Everyone will be able to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as large enough quantities are available. Once the vaccine is widely available, there will be several thousand vaccination providers.

- On December 13, 2020, the ACIP issued recommendations for the use of Pfizer-Biotech’s COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19.
- On December 20, 2020, ACIP issued recommendations for the use of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19.

Inability to pay, immigration status, or lack of insurance will not prevent you from getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Vaccine doses will be given to people at no cost regardless of immigration status or whether or not they have insurance. Vaccination providers may be able to charge administration fees for giving the shot. Vaccination providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient’s public or private insurance company.

After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some common side effects. This is a sign that your body is building protection.

Side effects are an indication that the vaccine is working, side effects may feel like flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

- **For availability or to schedule an appointment, call, or visit the website for your local health department:** <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-distribution/#lhd>.
- **Sign up for the State of Utah Vaccine Newsletter to receive direct emails with background and latest information where you can receive the vaccine and when at:** <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vacunas/#subscribe>
- **For more information go to:** <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine>

