

Answering your questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe? It was developed so fast.

Yes. The U.S. makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. Scientists developed the COVID-19 vaccines quickly, but still followed the same safety steps that are followed for all vaccines. Millions of people of different races and ethnicities have been vaccinated.

Will COVID-19 vaccines work against variants?

Yes. When viruses change, they are called variants. Studies suggest that the COVID-19 vaccines provide protection from current variants. Even if a vaccinated person gets infected with COVID-19, they will not get as sick as they would if they weren't vaccinated.

Can the COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the live virus. COVID-19 vaccines work by teaching your immune system how to fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal. They just are signs that your body is building protection against the virus.

Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?

Yes. The CDC recommends a COVID-19 vaccine if you are trying to become pregnant now or might get pregnant in the future. There is no evidence that any vaccine causes fertility problems in women or men. This includes COVID-19 vaccines.

Can someone who is pregnant or breastfeeding get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. The CDC and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommend COVID-19 vaccines for people who are pregnant or breastfeeding. COVID-19 infection during pregnancy increases the risk of severe illness and preterm birth. The benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy outweigh any possible risks. If you have questions, talk to your healthcare provider.

