

# COVID-19 Vaccine

## Your need-to-know details about the COVID-19 Vaccine\*



### It is **SAFE**

The available COVID-19 vaccines are authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The vaccine followed the same steps for testing and approval that are used for all vaccines. They were developed quickly, but never cut corners on safety. For more on vaccine safety visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccineSafety](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccineSafety)



### It is **FREE**

The COVID-19 vaccine is being given for free to all individuals by the federal government.

You may be asked for your insurance information so the provider giving you the vaccine can bill your insurance. However, you will not be charged. If you do not have insurance, you are still eligible to receive the vaccine for free.



### You may need **TWO** doses to be **FULLY** vaccinated

Until you are fully vaccinated, you can still get and spread COVID-19.

- **Pfizer vaccine:** at least **21 days** following first dose
- **Moderna vaccine:** at least **28 days** following first dose
- **Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine:** only **one** dose

Not everyone will be vaccinated when you are. And while we know vaccines greatly reduce severe cases and symptoms, we are still learning about the protection they provide. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep distance, and avoid groups even after you are fully vaccinated.



### Your two doses should be administered at the **SAME SITE**

You should receive your second dose of the same vaccine at the same site as your first.

Before leaving your first dose appointment, schedule or confirm how to setup your next appointment (for Pfizer and Moderna).



### Find out when you can get vaccinated at [mass.gov/covidvaccinephases](https://mass.gov/covidvaccinephases)

Massachusetts is giving out the COVID-19 vaccine in phases over time, focusing on equity and safety.

The timeline focuses on maintaining health care system capacity, addressing inequities in health care access and the COVID-19 burden, and protecting vulnerable populations. Each phase has priority groups within them. For regularly updated priority groups and eligible jobs and medical conditions, visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases)

\* This information was last updated 3/15/2021 and applies to the Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines.

