

WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR APPOINTMENT TO GET VACCINATED FOR COVID-19

BEFORE VACCINATION



See if COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for you right now.

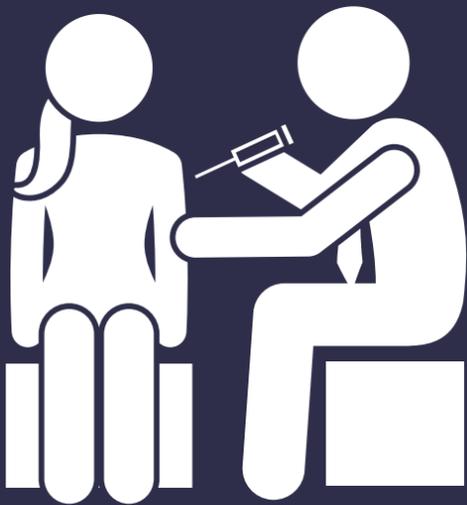
Learn more about the [different types of COVID-19 vaccines and how they work](#).

Learn more about the [benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccination](#).

When you get the vaccine, you and your healthcare worker will both need to wear masks that cover your nose and mouth.

Stay 6 feet away from others while inside and in lines. [Learn more about protecting yourself during visits to the doctor or a pharmacy](#).

DURING VACCINATION



You should receive a vaccination card or printout that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it.

You should receive a paper or electronic version of a fact sheet that tells you more about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you are being offered.

Each authorized COVID-19 vaccine has its own fact sheet that contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of receiving that specific vaccine.

All people who get a COVID-19 vaccine should be monitored on-site. Learn more about [COVID-19 vaccines and rare severe allergic reactions](#).

AFTER VACCINATION



With most COVID-19 vaccines, you will need two shots in order for them to work. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot.

Ask your healthcare provider about getting started with **v-safe**, a free, smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe also reminds you to get your second dose if you need one. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vsafe.

It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot.