

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do COVID-19 vaccines work?

A: Vaccines work by triggering a person's immune system to develop protection against a disease.

Q: Are COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective? How were they tested and approved?

A: COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized for use have gone through clinical trials involving tens of thousands of participants to determine their safety and efficacy. The known and potential benefits of approved vaccines outweigh the known and potential harms of becoming infected with COVID-19. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for COVID-19 vaccines which have been shown to be safe and effective as determined by data from the manufacturers and findings from clinical trials. Get more information here: https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml

Q: Why would a vaccine be needed if we can do other things, like social distancing and wearing masks, to prevent the virus that causes COVID-19 from spreading?

A: Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Other steps, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask and staying at least six feet away from others, help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others. Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.¹

Q: How will New Jersey distribute a COVID-19 vaccine? Is there a plan?

A: New Jersey following a phased approach to rolling out COVID-19 vaccines to serve all adults who live, work, or are being educated in the state. The State's goal is to vaccinate 70 percent of the adult population – or 4.7 million adults – within six months. Find specifics about the phased rollout approach here: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj->

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>



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Q: If I decide to get the vaccine, how to I sign up?

A: Should you decide to get vaccinated, please use the new state scheduling system at the following link to pre-register when you're notified: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/>

Q: Should I get vaccinated if I've already had COVID-19?

A: Getting COVID-19 might offer some natural protection or immunity from reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19. But it's not clear how long this protection lasts. Because reinfection is possible and COVID-19 can cause severe medical complications, it's recommended that people who have already had COVID-19 get a COVID-19 vaccine. If you've had COVID-19, wait until 90 days after your diagnosis to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: How can I learn more about the vaccine?

A: For more information visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine>

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Addressing the most frequently asked questions by New Jersey residents:

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/vaccine_provider_faqs.pdf

Fact Sheet: Phases of Vaccine Distribution [[English](#)]

Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheet for COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients and Caregivers [[Pfizer/BioNtech](#)] [[Moderna](#)]

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Learn about the 8 things you need to know about the new COVID-19 Vaccination Program and COVID-19 vaccines.

[8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning](#)

Read about the rigorous process the Centers for Disease Control has gone through to recommend the COVID-19 Vaccine.

[How CDC is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)

See the steps taken to be as certain as possible that the COVID-19 Vaccine is safe and effective. [Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#)

Questions answered about the vaccine, getting vaccinated, vaccine distribution and vaccine safety. [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Learn about the various benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it's made available. [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Learn about how the vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness and so much more.

[Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#)

Some common misconceptions about the COVID-19 Vaccine are addressed.

[Myths and Misconceptions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

All about the Messenger RNA Vaccines and how they work.

[Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

In Market Online Videos

Dr. Charles Farmer of University Hospital in Newark urges healthcare workers to get vaccinated for COVID-19 for their safety and the safety of their patients.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnbdSxMr32Q>

Dr. Shereef Elnahal, President and CEO of University Hospital in Newark, explains why healthcare workers should get vaccinated for COVID-19.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr0Zm5luR1A&t=6s>

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