

COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines have received approval and are distributed as supplies allow to U.S. healthcare providers. Vaccine is provided to individuals according to the vaccination phase set by federal and state guidance. Studies have shown both vaccines are greater than 90% effective when two doses are received. The information below explains differences and similarities between the vaccines.

Manufacturer	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna
Who should get this vaccine?	<p>The vaccine is approved for individuals 16 years of age and older.</p> <p>Do not get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine if you have had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine or have had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine.</p> <p>A list of ingredients can be found at https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download</p>	<p>The vaccine is approved for individuals who are 18 years of age and older.</p> <p>Do not get the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine if you had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine or have had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine.</p> <p>A list of ingredients can be found at https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/recipients/faq#social-distance</p>
Can I get the vaccine if I am pregnant or breastfeeding?	People who are pregnant or breastfeeding should discuss options with their healthcare provider.	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend people who are pregnant or breastfeeding should discuss options with their healthcare provider.
How many doses of vaccine do I need?	Two doses given 21 days apart.	Two doses given 28 days apart.
Will the vaccine still work if I only get one dose?	You are not considered fully vaccinated until you have received two doses. Pfizer has a 52% effective rate after one dose and a 95% effective rate after both doses.	You are not considered fully vaccinated until you have received two doses. Moderna has a 94.1% effective rate after both doses.
When was the vaccine authorized?	The U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Emergency Use Authorization for the vaccine on December 11, 2020.	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Emergency Use Authorization for the vaccine on December 18, 2020.
Can I get the vaccine if I have a weakened immune system?	<p>CDC recommends that individuals with weakened immune systems receive a COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Talk to your medical provider if you have questions. The vaccine data for people with weakened immune systems, including people living with HIV, is still being studied.</p> <p>Individuals could experience reduced immune responses to the vaccine. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/underlying-conditions.html</p>	
Are there side effects?	There may be side effects. They typically last several days, with the most common side effects being pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, and fever. More people experience these side effects after the second dose.	



<p>Do I still have to wear a mask and socially distance after the first or second dose of the vaccine?</p>	<p>Everyone, including those who have received both doses, should continue to follow local, state, and federal recommendations on wearing masks, socially distancing, and washing hands. This is important until a large percentage of the population is vaccinated.</p>
<p>Will the COVID-19 vaccines give me COVID-19?</p>	<p>No. Neither vaccine contains the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The vaccines cannot give you COVID-19.</p>
<p>How long will the vaccine protect me?</p>	<p>The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.</p>
<p>What should I tell my vaccination provider before I get the vaccine?</p>	<p>Tell the vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you have any allergies, have a fever, have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner, are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, are breastfeeding, or have received another COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<p>When can I get a vaccine</p>	<p>Due to a limited supply of vaccine at this time, residents can receive a vaccine when they meet the Phase criteria. See www.sedgwickcounty.org vaccine page - https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/vaccine/schedule/ - for a list of who can be vaccinated at this time.</p>

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