

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

COVID-19 VACCINES?



THERE ARE THREE COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE IN THE U.S.:

All three vaccines are extremely effective at preventing hospitalization or death from COVID-19. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose, and the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both two doses. You only need to take one type of vaccine to be protected from COVID-19.

IF YOUR SHOT REQUIRES TWO DOSES – GET THEM!

If you get the Pfizer vaccine, you should get your second shot 21-42 days after your first shot. If you get the Moderna vaccine, you should get your second shot 28-42 days after your first shot. You need both doses to have the strongest protection from COVID-19. *(Even after the 42 days you can still safely get your second shot – scientists just don't know if it's as effective as getting the second dose on time.)*

THEY ARE ALL SAFE

The vaccines were tested with tens of thousands of people to make sure they meet safety standards and that they protect people of different races, ethnicities, and age groups. Every study, every phase, and every trial was reviewed by the FDA and a vaccine safety group.

YOUR RACE COULD IMPACT WHAT VACCINE YOU CAN RECEIVE

As of May 2021, the Pfizer vaccine is available for people age 12 and up. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for people age 18 and up.

NO VACCINE IS "BETTER" THAN THE OTHER

All three vaccines are effective against COVID-19 and its variants. You may have seen reports that the Pfizer and Moderna shots are more effective – around 95 percent compared to 70 percent for the Johnson & Johnson. It's important to remember that the vaccines were studied at different times in the pandemic and with different COVID-19 variants, so it's difficult to compare them to each other to say if one is "better." Health experts encourage taking any vaccine that is easily available to you.

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