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5 THINGS TO KNOW about COVID-19 VACCINES

1. VACCINATION IS THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing serious disease, hospitalization, and death. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community. Even if you have already had COVID-19, you should still get the COVID-19 vaccine.

2. ANYONE 6 MONTHS AND UP CAN GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone age 6 months and up, especially seniors, individuals with underlying conditions, and including people who are pregnant or might become pregnant in the future. Although there have been fewer COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among children, children can get sick from COVID-19 and spread the virus to others.

3. COVID-19 VACCINES ARE SAFE.

Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. You cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine. You may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination, but they should go away in a few days. No long-term side effects have been detected. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines impact puberty or reproductive development in any way.

4. GETTING ALL OF THE RECOMMENDED VACCINE DOSES IS IMPORTANT.

The Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax COVID-19 vaccines require at least two doses, and most people age 5 and older are eligible for at least one booster dose. While one dose gives you some protection, ALL recommended doses and boosters are needed to get the maximum protection against severe outcomes from COVID-19.

5. COVID-19 VACCINES ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE AND OFFERED AT NO COST.

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout Chicago, including at doctors' offices, hospitals, pharmacies, community health centers, and special events. You can even get vaccinated at home. All COVID-19 vaccines are offered at no cost to you. No government ID and no insurance are required.

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