



# COVID-19 Vaccine Facts



## WHY GET A COVID-19 VACCINE?

- The vaccine reduces your risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, ending up in the hospital, or dying. It also lowers your risk of getting long-COVID.
- You need **all recommended doses** (including boosters) to get the best protection.

## WHO CAN GET A VACCINE?

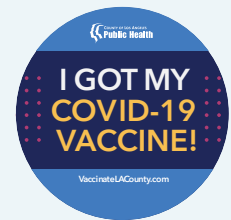
### Anyone 5 years of age or older



- COVID-19 vaccines are **free** to everyone – even if you don't have insurance.
- You will not be asked about your immigration status.
- Vaccines are recommended for everyone, including people who are pregnant or breastfeeding, and people who have had COVID-19.

## WHICH COVID-19 VACCINES ARE RECOMMENDED?

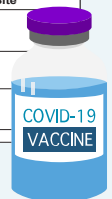
	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>Moderna</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>	Ages 5+	Ages 18+
<b>Primary series:</b>	2 doses: 3-8 weeks apart	2 doses: 4-8 weeks apart
<b>Booster #1:</b>	5 months later	5 months later
<b>Booster #2:</b>	Age 50+: 4 months later	Age 50+: 4 months later



If you are **immunocompromised you may need additional doses** - talk to your doctor or see [ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules](https://ph.lacounty.gov/covidvaccineschedules) for more information.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine may be used for people age 18+ in some situations. It is given as a single dose with a booster dose (with any of the 3 vaccines) 2 months later. In addition, people age 50+ or age 18+ who got 2 doses of J&J, may get a 2nd booster with Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card			
Last name		First Name	
Date of Birth		Medical Record Number	
Vaccine	Product/Lot #	Date	Clinic Site
1st Dose COVID-19		__/__/__	
2nd Dose COVID-19		__/__/__	
3rd Dose COVID-19		__/__/__	





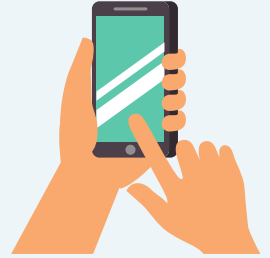
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## HOW TO GET A VACCINE

There are hundreds of sites across LA County - many are open weekends and evenings and don't need an appointment.

To find a location in your neighborhood:

- Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) or call **833-540-0473**, 8am to 8:30pm.
- You can also call 2-1-1 or ask your doctor or local pharmacist.
- Free transportation and in-home vaccination are also available.



Minors need consent from their parent or legal guardian to get vaccinated.

## WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS?

- Vaccine side effects are common and may include sore or red arm, feeling tired, fever, chills, headache, or muscle ache. They do not mean that you have COVID-19. Not everyone will get them.
- Side effects are a sign that your immune system is **building protection**. They may affect your ability to do some daily activities but should go away within a day or two of getting vaccinated.
- Serious side effects are rare, and most are treatable.



## WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the vaccines contain the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The vaccines were tested on tens of thousands of people, including people of color, older adults, and people with medical conditions and found to be **safe and effective**.
- Since December 2020, **hundreds of millions of people** have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccines continue to go through the most **intensive safety monitoring** in US history.
- There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility problems. They are safe for pregnant people and are recommended by pregnancy experts.

