

Answers to Your Covid-19 Vaccine Questions

COVID-19 vaccine hesitation is real. The following information was provided to keep staff, residents and family informed about the mRNA vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna.

Can the vaccine give me COVID-19?

No, these vaccines do NOT contain COVID-19.

They also cannot change your DNA.



When will I be protected?

You'll be protected 1-2 weeks after the second dose.

You must receive 2 doses of the SAME vaccine, 3-4 weeks apart.



How long will I be protected?

It is uncertain now, but as time passes, experts will know more.

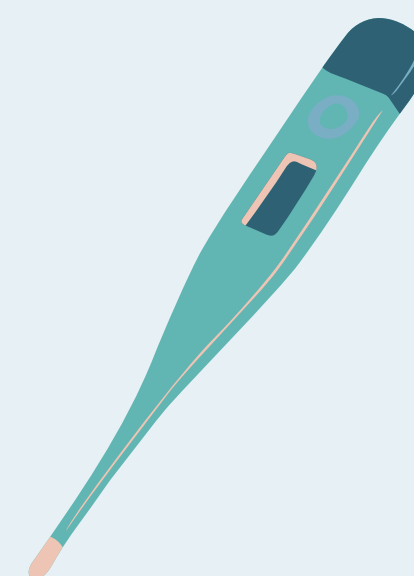
You may need to receive them on a regular basis (like the flu shot).



What are the possible side effects?

You can expect short-term discomfort: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever and pain at injection site.

Side effects typically last 24-48 hours and may be worse after the second dose.



What if I've already had COVID-19?

Even if you've had COVID-19, it is important to get vaccinated for longer/better protection.



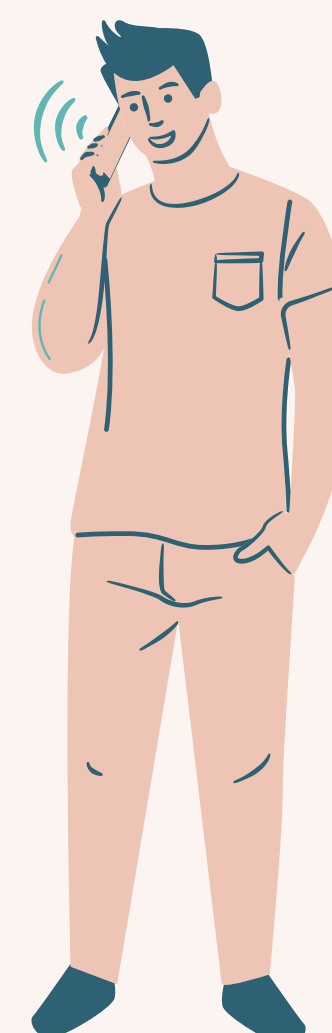
Why should I get vaccinated?

Protect yourself/your family.

Keep your residents safe.

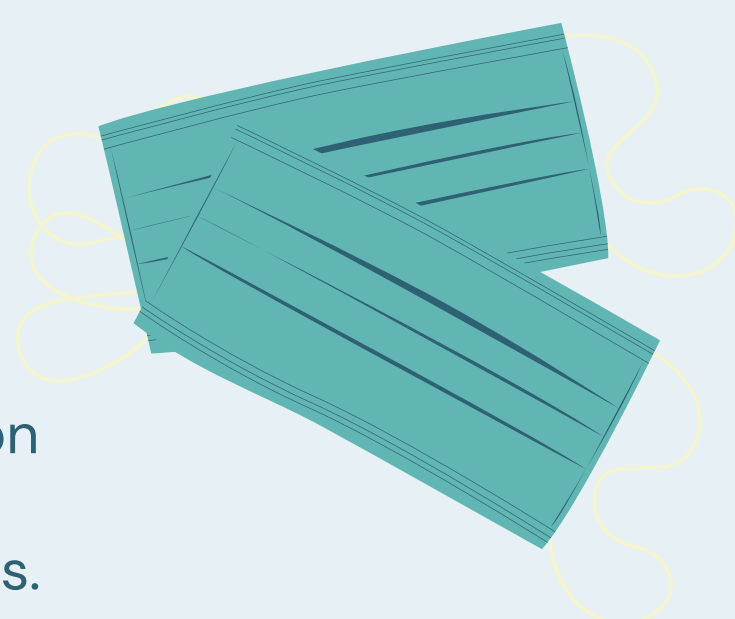
Help stop spread in the community.

Set an example for others, including residents, families, co-workers, and the community.



Will I still need to wear a mask?

Yes! A large number of people will need vaccination before transmission drops enough to stop using masks.



Source • The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) Medicine (paltc.org)

More Info • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov)