

Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines



FACTS

- The FDA has determined all current COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective.
- COVID-19 vaccines provide protection from serious illness, hospitalization and death.
- These vaccines were studied in clinical trials with racially diverse populations.
- You should receive the vaccine even if you have already had COVID-19.
- After you are vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask, wash your hands and physically distance in public.
- You will have full protection from the vaccine 2 weeks after the date of your last injection.

- ▶ The COVID-19 vaccine will not change your DNA.
- ▶ The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19.
- ▶ The vaccine does not affect fertility.
- ▶ The vaccine does not contain microchips or tracking devices.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS

- Itchiness, redness or pain at the injection site
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Body aches
- Fever or chills
- There is a small chance the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction, but those reactions are very uncommon.
- Side effects can last 24 to 48 hours after injection.



The vaccine is a crucial tool in the fight against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is key to achieving “herd immunity” and ending this pandemic for all of us. As more of us become vaccinated, the safer we’ll all be.

Please consult with your physician if you have questions or concerns about being vaccinated.

To register for the vaccine, visit rwjbh.org/covid19vaccine

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