



COVID-19 VACCINE



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Can the mRNA vaccines change your DNA?

NO. None of the COVID-19 vaccines can change your DNA or genes.

Can the vaccine give you COVID-19?

NO. The vaccines do not contain the live virus.

Do I still have to wear a mask after getting vaccinated?

YES. Depending on the vaccine you receive, it can take 2-4 weeks after the final dose to receive full protection. No vaccine is 100% effective, so even vaccinated people will need to wear masks in public indoor spaces or when there are high levels of transmission in your community.

Was the vaccine developed too fast?

NO. COVID-19 is a public health emergency and researchers have received enough funding to study the vaccine quickly.

Does the vaccine contain fetal cells?

COVID-19 vaccines produced by Moderna & Pfizer do not require the use of fetal cells. Johnson & Johnson used a historical fetal cell line from 1985 to develop & manufacture the vaccine.

Should I get the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

YES. It is recommended that people get vaccinated even if they have already recovered from COVID-19. The vaccine may provide better protection than any natural immunity from the virus itself.

Do the vaccines cause side effects?

Side effects can be different for each person. Some people feel sore or tired, or have a headache. Some may have fever and chills. You may feel more symptoms after the second shot. These are a sign the vaccine is working and usually go away in a few days.

Is the vaccine safe?

Slightly higher rates of certain medical conditions such as blood clots & heart inflammation have been observed in some populations after vaccination. There is clear evidence that the benefits of the vaccine are greater than the risks.

I've heard the vaccine can effect my chances of having children.

NO. There is no evidence that the vaccine will effect your chances of having children.

I've heard the vaccine can cause death. Is that true?

There is no evidence that the vaccine increases risk of death.

Does the vaccine contain a microchip?

NO. The vaccine does not contain any tracking devices or microchips.

Will I be forced to take the vaccine?

NO. The vaccine is voluntary. However, people with certain jobs may be required to be vaccinated and/or receive frequent testing.

Will I be asked for my immigration status before I get the vaccine?

NO. Immigration status or a social security card are not required for a vaccine.

Is my information protected?

YES. Vaccine providers may NOT share any personal information about you with Immigration & Customs Enforcement or anyone outside of the healthcare system.