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COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence



The vaccines are safe

Every COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use in the United States is safe. Tens of millions of people nationwide have safely received COVID-19 vaccines. These vaccines continue to undergo extensive safety monitoring.

The vaccines are free

The COVID-19 vaccines are free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of your immigration or health insurance status. Vaccination providers can seek reimbursement for the cost of administering the vaccines from recipients' insurers and from the Health Resources and Services Administration's COVID-19 Uninsured Program for recipients without insurance.

The dosing depends on the vaccine

Now there are FDA-authorized [COVID-19 vaccines](#) recommended for use in the United States. Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine requires only one shot for full protection. The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines require two shots given several weeks apart for full protection.

The vaccines are important for reaching herd immunity

We are still learning how many people have to be vaccinated against COVID-19 before most people can be considered protected.

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SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY

The FDA and CDC have the highest standards when it comes to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. Their process includes the following procedures:

- Scientists must first test vaccines extensively in medical studies to ensure they are safe and effective.
- Before the FDA authorizes a vaccine for use among the public, it ensures its safety by independently:
 - Reviewing the data from the medical studies, and
 - Inspecting the manufacturing facilities.
- Even after a vaccine has been authorized, the FDA and CDC closely monitor vaccine administration to identify even rare side effects or reactions.
- The FDA and CDC closely review any reports of side effects or reactions and share these facts with the public.

- The extremely rare cases of blood clotting following Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine—just a small number of cases out of millions of vaccinations—show that the FDA and CDC's vaccine safety monitoring systems work and catch even the rarest of reactions.

A thorough investigation has confirmed that Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine is safe and effective.

And doctors have been notified and trained to understand the signs to watch for and the proper course of treatment if blood clots occur.

