

10 FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES

It's important to have up-to-date and accurate information to help you make an informed decision when it's your turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The University of Michigan and Michigan Medicine are committed to sharing informative, educational and factual information to assist our communities in navigating the vaccination process.

FACT: COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe

While developed quickly to address a global pandemic, all available COVID-19 vaccinations were tested in large clinical trials that included tens of thousands of people. Their safety and effectiveness continue to be closely monitored.

FACT: If you've already had COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated

Experts do not yet know how long you are protected from reinfection following COVID-19. The most effective way to reduce your risk is to get vaccinated.

FACT: The CORONAVIRUS is changing

While new mutations of the virus arise, the existing vaccinations are designed to help the body safeguard against multiple parts of COVID-19.

FACT: There is no out-of-pocket cost to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

The federal government is providing the COVID-19 vaccine itself at no cost to those receiving it.

FACT: Vaccines will NOT give you COVID-19

None of the approved vaccines or any vaccines in development contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

FACT: All of the COVID-19 vaccines are very effective

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are about 94% effective — and the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine is about 85% effective — against severe disease caused by COVID-19.

FACT: COVID-19 mRNA vaccines will NOT change your DNA

Messenger RNA vaccines — mRNA — bring a message into the body, which tells the immune system what to look for if COVID-19 gets in.

FACT: Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines require two doses

The Pfizer vaccination requires 21 days between doses and Moderna requires 28 days. The Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires just one dose.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines can cause temporary symptoms that are the immune system's response to the vaccine

These short-term symptoms can include fever, headache, fatigue, sore arm or chills, especially after the second dose.

FACT: People who are pregnant, breastfeeding or want to become pregnant can get vaccinated against COVID-19

Please speak to your doctor before making medical decisions.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION AND ANSWERS

Visit our website for additional information and answers to dozens of questions about the COVID-19 vaccines:
[MichMed.org/COVID19Vaccine](https://www.michmed.org/COVID19Vaccine)

EVERY SHOT COUNTS



MAKE A PLAN

The COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most effective ways to keep yourself and our community safe from the spread of coronavirus.

As vaccination supply increases across the nation, we strongly encourage students, staff and faculty to seek out opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine closest to you. For now, this means using available resources outside of Michigan Medicine to locate and schedule vaccination appointments.

SCHEDULING TIPS

- Check with your local health department for a list of vaccination locations in your area
- Visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus to find a vaccine location near you
- Find information regarding vaccine sites in your area at VaccineMI.com
- If you are a military veteran, check with your local VA hospital: you may be eligible to be vaccinated now

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- All individuals age 16 and over will become eligible for vaccination Monday, April 5, 2021
- The first and second doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines must be received from the same location. Know your timeline for travel and availability
- Mass vaccination sites are now available in both Washtenaw County and downtown Detroit. Signup information can be found on the [Michigan Medicine Finding Vaccines webpage](#)
- There should be no out-of-pocket cost for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine from any provider

Michigan Medicine will continue to issue invitations to schedule vaccine appointments to eligible patients as quickly as state allocations allow. You do not need to request an invitation. Michigan Medicine will contact individuals directly as they are able to offer appointments.

FIND A VACCINATION LOCATION NEAR YOU TODAY:

uofmhealth.org/coronavirus/finding-vaccines