

Covid-19 Updates

Vaccinations: 8 things to know about the US Covid-19 Vaccination Program as provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

1. Safety of Covid-19 vaccines is a top priority. The US vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible. CDC has developed a new tool, **v-safe**, as an additional layer of safety monitoring to increase the ability to rapidly detect any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.
2. Covid-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting Covid-19. Two doses are needed. You will need to receive 2 doses of the current vaccine. A second shot (depending upon the specific vaccine you receive) 3-4 weeks after your first shot to get the most protection the vaccine offers against this disease.
3. Currently, CDC is recommending the vaccine be offered to healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities, this is due to the current limited supply of the vaccine.
4. Covid-19 vaccine is currently in limited supply but supply will increase in the weeks and months ahead. The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get vaccinated against Covid-19 as soon as large enough quantities are available. Once the vaccine is widely available, vaccines will be offered in doctor's offices, pharmacies, hospitals and qualified health centers.
5. Side effects after Covid-19 vaccination. Side effects after vaccination is a normal sign that your body is building protection. The side effects may feel like flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should subside in a few days.
6. Cost is not an obstacle to getting vaccinated against Covid-19. Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost. However, vaccination providers may be able to charge administration fees for giving the shot. Vaccination providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund.
7. The first Covid-19 vaccine is being used under an emergency use authorization from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Many other vaccines are still being developed and tested. If more vaccines are authorized or approved by the FDA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will quickly hold public meetings to review all available data about each vaccine and make recommendations for their use in the United States. All ACIP recommended vaccines will be included in the US Covid-19 vaccination program.
8. Covid-19 vaccines are one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic. It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how Covid-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds and wash your hands often.

We will continue to update this website as we receive CDC updates. It's our goal to keep you up to date with information regarding vaccine recommendations.