

10 Things to Know About the Vaccines.

Stop the Spread
Start the Healing.

1. Three vaccines are available.



Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) is a one-dose vaccine. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are two-dose vaccines. They are given 21-28 days apart, depending on the product.

2. Scientists had a head start.



The vaccines used decades of research that developed vaccines for similar viruses.

3. They are safe and effective.



The vaccines are safe and can help protect you against COVID-19. The one-dose vaccine is 85% effective and is extremely effective at preventing hospitalization and death in people who did get sick. The two-dose vaccines are 95% effective in preventing COVID-19 with no serious safety concerns.

4. They are safe.



The Food and Drug Administration verifies that vaccines are safe and prevent COVID-19. The FDA will also continuously monitor vaccine safety.

5. Cells fight the virus.



The one-dose vaccine uses a harmless type of virus to help trigger an immune response to COVID-19. The two-dose vaccines use mRNA. This teaches the body how to make a protein to trigger an immune response.

6. Two vaccines need a second shot.



Pfizer-BioNTech needs a second shot 21 days after the first one. The second shot for Moderna should be received 28 days later. The vaccine you receive will depend on what is available. You can't choose which one you get.

7. No major effects expected.



Some people may have a sore arm, arm warmth, fatigue or a low-grade fever for a day or two after receiving the vaccine.

8. The vaccines cannot give you COVID-19.



The one-dose vaccine does not cause infection with either COVID-19 or the virus that is used as the vector. The two-dose mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

9. It's free.



The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for free, even if you don't have insurance.

10. Getting vaccinated protects others and slows the spread.



Our goal is to get 80% of the population immunized to have some level of community immunity.

For the latest information, including how to schedule your vaccination through Novant Health, go to [GetVaccinated.org](https://www.getvaccinated.org)