Benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine

» All three authorized COVID-19 vaccines work well to protect people from getting very sick from COVID-19, needing to be hospitalized, or dying.
» Scientists think that COVID-19 vaccines may also help keep the virus from spreading from person to person.
» If you’re vaccinated, you don’t need to wear a mask or socially distance most of the time. You can go back to doing many of the things you enjoyed before the pandemic.

Frequently asked questions

Will I have to pay for the vaccine?
» No. The vaccine is free, even if you don’t have insurance.

What are the differences between the three types of vaccines?
» The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses. If you receive one of these vaccines, you’ll need to schedule a second dose a few weeks later. The Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose.

How do we know that vaccines are safe?
» All authorized COVID-19 vaccines have gone through the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.
» Millions of people in the U.S. have safely received a vaccine and are now protected from COVID-19.
» Tens of thousands of people volunteered to help test the vaccines in clinical trials. These clinical trials showed that the vaccines are safe and work well.

How were the vaccines made so quickly?
» Researchers relied on years of previous knowledge about other viruses and vaccines. Scientists have been developing vaccines for more than 100 years.
» Researchers completed all the necessary steps at the same time or with some overlap.
» Everyone involved dedicated all their resources and time to developing COVID-19 vaccines.

Can the vaccines give me COVID-19?

Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?
» No. None of the COVID-19 vaccines can change your genes.

What are the side effects?
You may experience mild to moderate side effects after receiving the vaccine. Side effects typically go away on their own after a few days. The most commonly reported side effects are:
» Pain, swelling, and redness at the injection site.
» Fever.
» Chills.
» Tiredness.
» Headache.

Your employer is required to give you paid time off to recover from these side effects under Colorado’s Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?
» Yes. If you are trying to become pregnant now or want to get pregnant in the future, you may get a COVID-19 vaccine. There is currently no evidence that COVID-19 vaccination causes any problems with pregnancy. Please talk with your doctor about any concerns.