



## COVID-19 VACCINES

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW



### BENEFITS

Getting vaccinated protects you from getting sick with COVID-19. It also reduces the spread of COVID-19 and protects those around you – your family, friends, and community!



### SAFETY

All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are safe and very effective at preventing COVID-19 illness.



### NUMBER OF DOSES NEEDED

The Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine just requires one shot.

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines require two shots. For those vaccines, it is important to get both shots to gain the most protection. Make sure to make an appointment for your second shot!

Whichever vaccine you get, they are all safe and very effective.



### COST

The COVID-19 vaccine is free to everyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status.

When you go to get your vaccine, you might be asked for your insurance card or your Medicaid or Medicare information. Why? The place where you are getting the vaccine might charge a small fee to your insurance company or the government. This charge cannot be passed on to you.

You cannot be denied a vaccine if you do not have insurance. If you don't have insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid, just say so. You still get the vaccine for free.



### WHEN AND HOW TO GET THE VACCINE

While we wait to get enough vaccine for everyone, everyone is assigned to different groups, or phases, so that everyone can know when it is their turn. These groups are based on age, health, job, or if living somewhere makes someone especially at risk for getting very sick with COVID-19.