

COVID VACCINE FACTS + INFORMATION

Who can get a COVID vaccination?

In Georgia, adults aged 65 and older, and their caregivers, are in Phase 1A+ and eligible to receive the COVID vaccine right now. Residents and staff of long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities, law enforcement, fire personnel and first responders are also included in Phase 1A+.

Where can I get a COVID vaccination?

To find a vaccine provider near you, head to <https://dph.ga.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site>. For a list of retail vaccination sites visit <https://dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine>. If you have questions about the COVID vaccine, call the Georgia Department of Public Health at **(888) 357-0169**.

Are COVID vaccines safe?

Like all vaccines in the United States, COVID vaccines were researched and tested extensively, and are held to the same safety standards as other vaccines. Medical experts and scientists continue to actively monitor the COVID vaccines to ensure ongoing safety.

What are the side effects of the COVID vaccine?

The most common side effects of the COVID vaccine are soreness at the injection site, fever, headaches, muscle aches and joint pain. These side effects usually last only a day or two, and are similar to side effects some people experience from other vaccines like the flu shot and the shingles vaccine.

Vaccines work to fight disease by producing an immune response within your body, and sometimes that means flu-like symptoms occur as your body responds to the vaccine. It is normal and expected.

Why do I need two doses of vaccine?

The COVID vaccines currently available need two shots to provide the most protection. Two shots, three or four weeks apart, are about 95% effective in preventing COVID-19. The first dose of vaccine helps the immune system create a response against the virus that causes COVID-19. The second dose boosts the immune response to provide the most protection.

Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No. The COVID vaccine does not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and cannot cause COVID-19.

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Should I get the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19 and recovered?

Yes, people who have had COVID-19 in the past will still need to get the vaccine. Though past infection is thought to provide some immunity, we do not know how much protection is provided or how long this protection may last.

How much does the COVID vaccine cost?

The COVID vaccine is free. Vaccine providers may charge administration fees for giving the shot but those fees will be billed to insurance with no out of pocket cost to the patient. You cannot be denied a COVID vaccine due to lack of payment.

Once I have the vaccine, do I still need to wear a mask and social distance?

Even after being vaccinated, you need to continue to wear face masks that cover your nose and mouth, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid large gatherings and wash your hands often.

It is important for everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 prevention measures as we learn more about how COVID vaccines work in real-world conditions.

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