

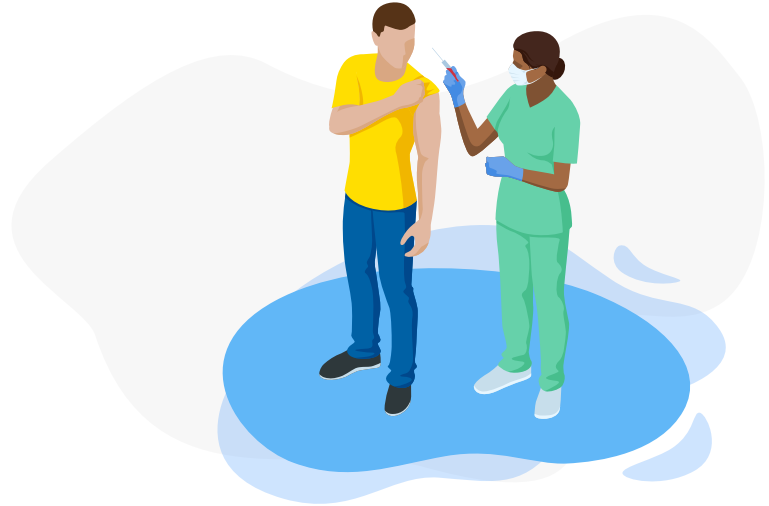
# COVID-19 vaccine guidance

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## Benefits of COVID-19 VACCINATION



### COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19:

- COVID-19 vaccines are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and are authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19.
- Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly vulnerable populations.
- Experts will continue to conduct more studies about the effect of COVID-19 vaccination on severity of illness from COVID-19, as well as its ability to keep people from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

### COVID-19 vaccination will be a safer way to help build protection

- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. And if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.
- Clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use. The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). [Watch a video on what an EUA is.](#)

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- Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about, and the health department will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

### COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic

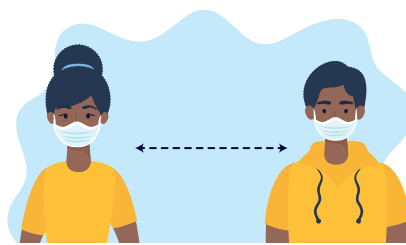
- When transmission is high, the 3Ws – washing your hands, wearing a mask, and watching your distance – help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following the 3Ws will offer the best protection from COVID-19.



**Wash your hands and cover your cough**



**Wear a mask (indoors when transmission is high)**



**Watch your distance and avoid large crowds**



**Get vaccinated**