DCHC SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

# **COVID-19 VACCINE**

Part 3

#### YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## WHEN WE WILL GET THE VACCINE?

DCHC will receive the vaccine after the Health Department has distributed it to all first responders within Douglas County. The estimated time of DCHC distribution is 1-2 weeks.



# WHICH BRAND OF THE VACCINE WILL BE RECEIVING?

DCHC will receive the Moderna Vaccine. The Modera Fact Sheet is presented on pages 2-6 of this newsletter. It can also be found at dchc.douglascounty-ne.gov/covid-19-information.

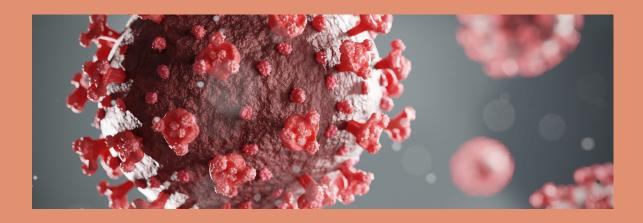
# WHO IN OMAHA HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THE VACCINE?

- Methodist Health Systems
   Employees
- University of Nebraska Medical Center Employees
- CHI Health Systems Employees

# FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

- You are being offered the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2. This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, which you may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine and may prevent you from getting COVID-19. There is no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.
- Read this Fact Sheet for information about the Moderna COVID-19
   Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions. It is your choice to receive the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 1 month apart, into the muscle.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone.
- This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please visit www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua.





## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET THIS VACCINE

#### WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has not been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

#### WHAT IS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.
- The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
- For more information on EUA, see the "What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?" the section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

#### WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOU GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

Tell your vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- Have any allergies
- Have a fever
- Have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- Are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Have received another COVID-19 vaccine

#### WHO SHOULD GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 18 years of age and older.

#### WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

You should not get the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine if you:

- · Had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine
- Had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine
   If you are allergic to any ingredient in the COVID-19 Vaccine- Per CDC

#### WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine contains the following ingredients: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), lipids (SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol [DMG], cholesterol, and 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [DSPC]), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate, and sucrose.

#### HOW IS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN?

- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 1 month apart.
- If you receive one dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of the same vaccine 1 month later to complete the vaccination series.

#### HAS THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine. In clinical trials, approximately 15,400 individuals 18 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

In an ongoing clinical trial, the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19 following 2 doses given 1 month apart. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

Side effects that have been reported with the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site reactions: pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness
- General side effects: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever

There is a remote chance that the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- · Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- · A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- · Dizziness and weakness

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

Immunizers will have Epi-pens and Benradyl available if you do experience an allergic reaction. If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

## WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE MODERNA VACCINE?

#### **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

- Ask the vaccination provider
- Visit CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/index.html
- Visit FDA at https://www.fda.gov/emergencypreparedness-and-response/mcmlegalregulatory-and-policyframework/emergency-use-authorization

Contact your state or local public health department

FOR A COPY OF THE MODERNA FACT SHEET CLICK HERE







PHOTOS FROM UNMC HOSPITAL GETTING COVID-19 STAFF VACCINATIONS

