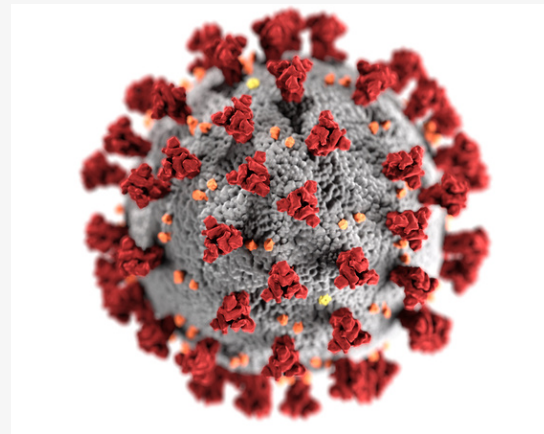


COVID-19

Vaccine Q&A

ARE THE COVID-19 VACCINES RIGOROUSLY TESTED?

Yes. Clinical trials are evaluating investigational COVID-19 vaccines in tens of thousands of study participants to determine safety and effectiveness. These clinical trials are being conducted according to the rigorous standards set forth by the FDA.



HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT COVID-19 VACCINES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED SO QUICKLY?

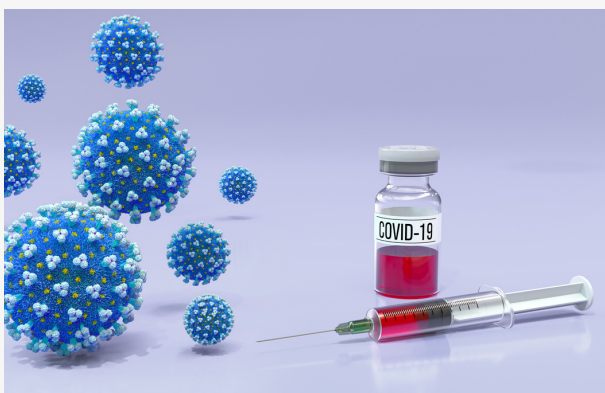
During a global pandemic, development processes may be atypical. The U.S. government has made investments and coalesced agencies to develop a strategy for prioritizing and speeding development of vaccines. The efforts to speed development have not sacrificed safety standards or integrity of the review process.

HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT NEW SIDE EFFECTS AFTER VACCINATION?

After vaccination many safety monitoring systems watch for adverse events and possible side effects that may not have been recognized during clinical trials. This monitoring is used to decide if changes are needed in the vaccine recommendations.

The CDC and FDA are working to expand safety monitoring systems:

- V-Safe: is a new smartphone-based health checker for people who have received the vaccine. The system utilizes text and telephone follow up to those who report adverse events.
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN): is an acute and long term care facility monitoring system with reporting to the vaccine adverse event reporting system (VAERS)



WHAT WILL THE VACCINATION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

All but one of the vaccines in Phase 3 clinical trials will require a two shot series to be effective.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M EXPERIENCING A SIDE EFFECT VS AN ADVERSE EVENT FROM A VACCINE?

- An “adverse event” is any health problem that happens after a shot or other vaccine. It may be truly caused by a vaccine, or it might be pure coincidence.
- A “side effect” is any health problem shown by studies to be caused by a vaccine (ie: sore arm or low grade fever) and typically go away within a few days.