COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

Key Facts

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

- You may have side effects after receiving the vaccine, but these are normal.
- People who have been fully vaccinated can do most of the things they stopped doing because of the pandemic.

Safety is Top Priority

COVID-19 vaccines are held to the same safety standards as all vaccines.

When they developed the COVID-19 vaccines, researchers, scientists, and medical professionals:

- Followed the same rigorous review process that is required for all vaccinations.
- Relied on years of previous research to support the development of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Received significant financial support in order to research and develop the vaccines quickly to stop the pandemic.

Most Side Effects are Mild

Most side effects from the vaccines are mild pain, redness, and swelling on the arm where you get the shot.

- Some people also experience side effects throughout the rest of their body, including tiredenss, chills, headache, fever, muscle pain, and nausea.

Vaccines are Widely Available

ALL people 12 and older living in Colorado can get the vaccine now.

- Interpretation at clinic sites is available.
- COVID-19 vaccines are free; there should be no medical bills.
- No ID or social security number is required.
- People with compromised immune systems can get a 3rd dose to improve their immune response.
- Ask your local clinic or health care provider if you are eligible to receive a booster for additional protection.

Don't Believe the Myths

None of the vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, so they cannot give you COVID-19.

- The mRNA in the mRNA vaccines never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept. Instead, the cell breaks down and gets rid of the mRNA soon after vaccination. The genetic material does not integrate into a person's DNA.

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