

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs



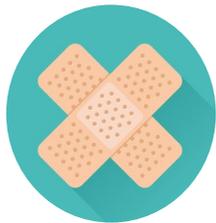
The vaccines are safe & effective.

The vaccines do NOT contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and cannot make you sick with COVID-19. In addition, millions of people have already received a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines met the FDA's rigorous scientific standards and underwent the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.



The vaccines are free for everyone.

Regardless of whether or not you have medical insurance, the vaccines are free and there is no out of pocket cost. You do not have to pay for anything or have insurance to get the vaccines.



Side effects from the vaccines are normal.

Some people may experience side effects like pain or swelling at the injection site, a headache, chills, or fever. These reactions are common. Some people don't get any side effects and a small number have had allergic reactions.



If you've had COVID, you can get the vaccine.

You can safely get the vaccine if you've had COVID-19 before. If it's been + 90 days since infection, you should get vaccinated. If within 90 days of infection, you are encouraged to get the vaccine if you had mild or asymptomatic disease. Health experts do not know how long you are protected after recovering from COVID-19.



If you got the vaccine, you still need to get tested.

Though the COVID-19 vaccines help prevent serious symptoms or death, the vaccines do not yet provide 100% protection. Many studies are still being done. Also, a portion of our population will remain susceptible to the COVID-19 virus because they are not eligible (i.e., children) or will decline the vaccine.



Still wear masks as a precaution.

Everyone should still take precautions by wearing a mask in public, staying six feet away from others and avoiding crowds, even if you've been vaccinated. It's important that we continue to use all the tools available to stop this pandemic.



For more information about Yolo County's COVID-19 vaccine response, visit: <https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine>.

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