

## **FAQs for DOC Phase 1B Vaccinations**

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Note, this FAQ is specific to the DOC process for vaccinations; please refer to the fact sheet for the specific vaccine you are receiving for complete information and to the [CDC website](#) for more general information about COVID-19 vaccinations

1. Who is administering the phase 1B vaccinations for DOC staff?
  - Our phase 1B vaccination clinics are being coordinated through Griffin Hospital
2. How do I schedule my first dose?
  - Please work through your facility liaison to schedule your appointment.
3. What vaccine will we be receiving?
  - There are two different vaccines, one manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech and the other by Moderna. The fact sheets for each are attached to this FAQ.
  - Due to the tight supply constraints on these vaccines, we expect that we will be administering one or the other at different times in our clinics.
    - It is important to note that both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines are similar in how they protect against COVID 19 and both have very similar effectiveness rates. It is also important to note that while they are similar, they are not interchangeable. Staff members who receive dose one of Moderna will receive Moderna for their second dose as well; the same is true for those receiving Pfizer.
4. When will I be scheduled for my second dose?
  - The Moderna vaccine must be administered in two separate doses administered between 28 and 42 days apart. Similarly, the Pfizer vaccine is administered in two doses three weeks apart.
  - The clinics for the second dose are scheduled for the same weeks in March as dose 1 clinics are scheduled in February. It is expected that you will present for your second dose at the date and time in March that corresponds with the date and time of your first dose in February. So, if you got your first dose at 11:20 AM on February 3, your second dose is planned for 11:20 AM on March 3.
  - All staff will get the same vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) in dose 2 as they had received in dose 1
5. Can I be vaccinated if I have already tested positive?
  - Vaccination should be deferred until you have recovered from the acute illness (if you had symptoms) and the below criteria have been met for you to discontinue isolation.
  - This recommendation applies whether you tested positive before receiving any vaccine doses or if you test positive after the first dose but before receipt of the second dose.
  - If you were symptomatic, you may be vaccinated if:
    - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and

- There has been improvement in symptoms
  - If you did not develop symptoms, you may be vaccinated 10 days after the date of your first positive test
  - If you are severely ill due to COVID-19, an isolation of up to 20 days after symptom onset may be warranted. You should consult with your physician.
- 6. What if I have a reaction to the vaccine, can I use COVID-19 leave?
  - Covid leave may not be used for this purpose. Should you have a reaction to the vaccine that causes you to miss time from work, you may use your personal sick time for this purpose.
- 7. Will I still need to test weekly once I have received my vaccination?
  - Our mandatory weekly testing program will continue into the foreseeable future. Everyone must continue to test weekly regardless of their vaccination status.
- 8. What if I decide not to get vaccinated with this first group, will I have another opportunity?
  - With serious constraints to both the vaccine supply as well as the medical resources necessary to provide vaccinations across the state, it is not likely that there will be any other opportunities for agency staff to be vaccinated at DOC. If you do not test during the clinics scheduled between now and February 22 you will need to find a public clinic or work with your health care provider if you are interested in vaccinating.
- 9. I am a health services worker that did not receive a vaccination in Phase 1A, can I participate in this phase?
  - You can receive a vaccination with the Phase 1B group; please reach out to the vaccination liaison for your facility to schedule the appointment.
- 10. Once I have received my vaccinations, am I still required to wear a mask at all times?
  - Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 all employees will continue to be required to wear a face covering that covers both the mouth and the nose at all times while at work until further notice.
- 11. If I am not scheduled to work on the day of the vaccination, will I be paid for my time to come in to be vaccinated?
  - While we are hopeful that most staff will take advantage of the opportunity to be vaccinated, any time spent obtaining the vaccination that is not part of the scheduled workday will not be compensated as state paid time.
- 12. Can I vaccinate in a facility other than the one to which I am assigned?
  - The assumption that was made from a planning perspective with Griffin Hospital is that all employees will get vaccinated at their assigned facility. That said, if there is a compelling need for you to test at another facility, please make sure that you coordinate with your chain of command and that you schedule an appointment with the liaison at the other facility.
- 13. Will I test positive because I was vaccinated?
  - You will not test positive for COVID-19 as a result of being vaccinated. In the event that you do test positive after being vaccinated, please make sure that you follow all of the post positive protocols.

## **Attachments**

Phase 1B schedule

Griffin/Moderna FAQs

Liaison/contact list

<b>Monday, February 1st</b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Hartford	7 hours: 10am – 5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
Corrigan (Uncasville)	7.5 hours: 9:30am – 5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	45 participants
York (Niantic)	7.5 hours: 9:30am – 5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	45 participants
<b>Tuesday, February 2nd</b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Bridgeport	8 hours: 9am-5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
New Haven	7.5 hours: 9:30am – 5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	45 participants
Newtown	7.5 hours: 9:30am – 5pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	45 participants
<b>Wednesday, February 3rd</b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Brooklyn*	6 hours: 7am – 1pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	36 participants
Hartford	7 hours: 7am – 2pm	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
Carl Robinson*	8 hours: 9am – 5pm	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Thursday, February 4th</b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Cheshire	8 hours: 9am – 5pm	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
MacDougall (S. Suffield)	7 hours: 10am – 5pm	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
<b>Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup></b>			

Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
MacDougall (S. Suffield)	4 hours (+ 2 hr 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am – 11 = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 11am – 3pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	36 participants
Osborn (Somers)	4 hours (+4 hr 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am -1pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose 1pm – 5pm = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
Hartford	4 hours (+3 hr 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am -12pm = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 12pm – 4pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Schedule 3 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
Cheshire	4 hours (+3 hr 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 10am – 2pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose 2pm – 5pm = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Schedule 4 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
<b>Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Hartford	7 hours: 7am – 2pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	42 participants
Corrigan (Uncasville)	6 hours (+2 hour 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am – 11am = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 11am – 5pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	36 participants
York (Niantic)	4.5 hours (+3.5 hour 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 8:30am – 1pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose 1pm – 4:30pm = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 appointments
<b>Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Bridgeport	8 hours: 7am – 3pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	48 participants
New Haven	7.5 hours: 7am – 2:30pm	Schedule 1 appointments every 10 minutes	45 participants
Newtown	8 hours: 7am – 3pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Cheshire	8 hours: 7am – 3pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants

Carl Robinson*	8 hours: 7am – 3pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Cheshire	8 hours: 9am – 5pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
MacDougall (S. Suffield)	7 hours: 7am – 2pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	42 participants
<b>Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Carl Robinson*	8 hours: 9am – 5pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
Cheshire	8 hours: 7am – 3pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
Osborn (Somers)	8 hours: 7am – 2pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Corrigan (Uncasville)	7.5 hours 7am – 2:30pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	45 participants
York (Niantic)	7.5 hours 7am – 2:30pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	45 participants
Osborn (Somers)	8 hours: 9am – 5pm	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Central Office	8 hours 9am- 5pm	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	48 participants
<b>Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup></b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants

MacDougall (S. Suffield)	4 hours (+ 2 hr 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am – 11 = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 11am – 3pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Schedule 2 appointments every 10 minutes	36 participants
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<b>Monday, February 22nd</b>			
Location	Time	Schedule guidelines	Minimum # of participants
Corrigan (Uncasville)	6 hours (+2 hour 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose): 9am – 11am = 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 11am – 5pm = 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Schedule 1 appointment every 10 minutes	48 appointments
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# **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](http://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 COVID-19 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)?**” 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

## **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?**

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.

Report vaccine side effects to **FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**.

The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include “Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to ModernaTX, Inc. at 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762). You may also be given an option to enroll in **v-safe**. **V-safe** is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. **V-safe** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

### **WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

It is your choice to receive or not receive the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

### **ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Currently, there is no FDA-approved alternative vaccine available for prevention of COVID-19. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under Emergency Use Authorization.

### **CAN I RECEIVE THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE WITH OTHER VACCINES?**

There is no information on the use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

### **WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?**

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

## **WILL THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?**

No. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

## **KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD**

When you receive your first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show you when to return for your second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Remember to bring your card when you return.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below. **Moderna** **Telephone number**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine website**

[www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua](http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua)

1-866-MODERNA  
(1-866-663-3762)

## FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

### EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF

### THE **PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE** TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

### IN INDIVIDUALS 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

You are being offered the Pfizer-BioNTech 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 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which you may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19.

The Pfizer-BioNTech 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 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions. It is your choice to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 3 weeks apart, into the muscle.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please see [www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com).

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

### WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 disease 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 COVID-19 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 PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

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The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 16 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)?” section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

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

Tell the 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 PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 16 years of age and older.

## WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

You should not get the Pfizer-BioNTech 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.

## WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine includes the following ingredients: mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, and cholesterol), potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, and sucrose.

## HOW IS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 3 weeks apart.

If you receive one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of this same vaccine 3 weeks later to complete the vaccination series.

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## HAS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine. In clinical trials, approximately 20,000 individuals 16 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

In an ongoing clinical trial, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19 following 2 doses given 3 weeks apart. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

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

- injection site pain
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain
- chills
- joint pain
- fever
- injection site swelling
- injection site redness
- nausea
- feeling unwell
- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)

There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech 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 Pfizer-BioNTech 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 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

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

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

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Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include "Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA" in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

Website

Fax number

Telephone number

[www.pfizersafetyreporting.com](http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com)

1-866-635-8337

1-800-438-1985

You may also be given an option to enroll in v-safe. V-safe is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

#### WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

It is your choice to receive or not receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

#### ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

Currently, there is no approved alternative vaccine available for prevention of COVID-19. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under Emergency Use Authorization.

#### CAN I RECEIVE THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE WITH OTHER VACCINES?

There is no information on the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

## WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

## WILL THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

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When you get your first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show you when to return for your second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Remember to bring your card when you return.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

Global website

Telephone number

[www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com)

1-877-829-2619

(1-877-VAX-CO19)

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.

## WHERE WILL MY VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?

The vaccination provider may include your vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. This will ensure that you receive the same vaccine when you return for the second dose. For more information about IISs visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>.

## WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP



within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit [www.hrsa.gov/cicp/](http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/) or call 1-855-266-2427.

#### WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?

The United States FDA has made the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine available under an emergency access mechanism called an EUA. The EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to

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justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has not undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved or cleared product. FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based on the totality of scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used in the treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 EUA declaration justifying emergency use of these products, unless terminated or revoked (after which the products may no longer be used).

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