

COVID-19 Vaccine

Get the Facts



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Visit our COVID-19 vaccine webpage:
www.HuntingtonHospital.org/Covid19Vaccine

COVID-19 Vaccine: Get the facts.

Huntington Hospital knows that together, we can keep our community healthy. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and the best way to end the spread.

Have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine?



We understand that some people in the community are worried about the safety of the vaccine, or might be afraid of side effects.

This informational brochure about the COVID-19 Vaccine will help answer some of your questions and explain why it's such an important tool to keep you and your community safe, and to end the spread of this deadly virus.



Want to get vaccinated?

If you are interested in getting vaccinated, we know it can be hard to know if you are eligible, and where you can sign up.

Visit our COVID-19 page to find up-to-date resources about vaccine eligibility and registration.

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Need more information?

Check out our list of Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as our list of resources to review, on the following pages.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the COVID-19 vaccine?

A. The COVID-19 vaccine is a shot that teaches our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. It's the same idea behind the flu shot that Americans have been getting since the 1940s. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of COVID-19 vaccines to help stop the spread of the pandemic.

Q. Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

A. Yes. There have been no reported serious safety concerns from COVID-19 vaccines. The CDC and the FDA continue to monitor individuals who have received the vaccine to ensure there's no evidence of even rare safety issues. Although the COVID-19 vaccine is new, the science behind creating a vaccine has been around a long time and is scientifically proven to be safe and effective.

Millions of people have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine, and careful monitoring efforts have supported the science demonstrating vaccine safety.

Q. I've heard a lot of different things about the vaccine, how do I know what to believe?

A. There is a lot of information about vaccines in the news right now, and some of it is not based in science. We encourage you to read the articles included in our Resources section at the end of this brochure from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other trusted institutions.

Q. Does the COVID-19 vaccine Work?

A. Yes, we know that all the COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19. You can read about the different vaccines in use on the CDC website (see our Resources section).

Q. Are there any side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine?

A. Yes, some people do experience side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine. Most side effects reported were mild to moderate in severity and resolved within 24 hours. Side effects included pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, and fever. More people experienced these side effects after the second dose than after the first dose.

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Q. Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

A. No. It is not possible to get COVID-19 from vaccines. Current vaccines use only genetic material from the virus while other vaccines being studied use inactivated virus. None of these can cause COVID-19.



Q. How long will it take for the vaccine to begin protecting me?

A. It normally takes about two to three weeks to start getting some protection, and about six weeks for full protection. Important: even after you have received both doses of the current vaccines, you must give your body time (2-6 weeks) to have the full benefit of vaccination.



Q. Do I need to get a second vaccine shot, or booster, if I've already had the first shot?

A. Yes. In order to be effective, the current vaccines require two doses. Please be careful about scheduling your second dose on time, even if the system for doing so is hard to use. The second dose is critical for your protection. After you have received both doses, you must give your body time (2-6 weeks) to have the full benefit of vaccination.

Q. Should I try to get a specific vaccine?

A. No, when it's your turn, you should get vaccinated with whichever vaccine is available. All three COVID-19 vaccines in use are proven highly effective at preventing serious illness and hospitalization from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will I have to continue wearing a mask after I get the vaccine?

A. Yes. We should all continue wearing face masks, washing our hands, and social distancing until enough vaccine is in the community, until we know how long a vaccine will protect us, and until we have slowed the spread.

Continuing these safe practices after vaccination is important because we don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself.

Q. Why should I get the vaccine?

A. You should get vaccinated when it is your turn because it will help keep you safe and help us stop the spread. COVID-19 is dangerous – it can be fatal or have long-lasting impacts, even in young, healthy people. The risks from getting sick with COVID-19 are much larger than any possible risk from getting vaccinated. While getting the vaccine may not prevent you from getting COVID-19, it does stop you from getting sick and developing symptoms.

COVID-19 variants: The COVID-19 variants circulating now are very contagious, an important reason for everyone to get vaccinated. In addition, vaccination can prevent more variants from being created.

Q. Who is eligible to get vaccinated right now? When will other groups get the vaccine?

A. Los Angeles County is adding people to the eligibility tiers regularly.

Check our website for up-to-date information on who is eligible to get the vaccine, as well as information about how to register.

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Q. If I have had COVID-19 should I get the vaccine?

A. Yes. Even if you suspect or know that you had COVID-19, it is still recommended that you get vaccinated when you are eligible.

People who test positive for COVID-19 may have partial protection, but we don't know how long that protection lasts or how effective it is. If you've had a positive COVID-19 test, you should wait 90 days before getting a vaccine.

In addition to protecting yourself, getting vaccinated will help decrease the spread of COVID-19. It can protect people around you, particularly people who are at greater risk for getting very sick from COVID-19 because of their age, health issues or other factors. Vaccination also prevents new variants from developing.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is Huntington Hospital providing vaccines?

A. Yes. In addition to vaccinating our own caregivers and staff, we are thrilled to be helping Pasadena Public Health vaccinate eligible people. This happens through an invitation-only system managed by the direction of Pasadena Public Health Department. While we are supporting our city's Public Health efforts, we cannot offer vaccination appointments directly to the community.

Eligible residents of Los Angeles County and Pasadena have multiple options for signing up for a COVID-19 vaccine. We keep daily updated links and resources on our COVID-19 Vaccine website to help www.HuntingtonHospital.org/Covid19Vaccine.

Q. Why can't everyone get vaccinated right now?

A. There is a high level of interest in the vaccine, which is wonderful news, but vaccine supply of vaccine has not yet caught up to the demand. Los Angeles County has more people than any other county in America, with more than 10 million residents. Getting people vaccinated depends on vaccine supply and people to give the shots. In Pasadena, the quantity of vaccines our city receives is determined by the state of California.

Everyone who wants a vaccine will ultimately be offered one.



COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has the following helpful articles on their site:

[**https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html)

You can find direct links to these articles on our COVID-19 website:

[**www.HuntingtonHospital.org/Covid19Vaccine**](http://www.HuntingtonHospital.org/Covid19Vaccine)

- "Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination"
- "Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines"
- "Different COVID-19 Vaccines"
- "What to Expect After Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine"
- "Myths and Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines"
- "People at Increased Risk"

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has side effect information for currently available vaccines on their website

[**https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines**](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines)

The Mayo Clinic has good resources about COVID-19 Vaccines on their website

[**https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine**](https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine)

- "COVID-19 Vaccine Myths Debunked"

COVID-19 Vaccine: Get vaccinated to end the spread.

We know that many people may still have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. Our COVID-19 vaccine website is updated daily with vaccine information, news and up-to-date vaccine registration links.



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Bandage of Honor.**
Protect Yourself.
Protect Your Community.



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