

# Have questions about COVID-19 vaccines?



## What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus spreading in our world and local community. When someone gets this virus, they can experience a range in severity of symptoms from feeling nothing to a mild sickness to a very bad illness that needs hospital treatment, or worse. Each person's body reacts differently to the virus, but people with certain backgrounds or medical conditions are more likely to get sicker.

## Is it important to choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Vaccination is the best way to build protection. This is because vaccination is safer than fighting off the virus, it may protect you longer than fighting off the virus, and it will prevent you from getting severe illness if you get COVID-19.

## Can the COVID-19 vaccine give me or those around me the virus?

No. The vaccine is safe and you and your loved ones cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the virus.

## Are there COVID-19 vaccine side effects?

Common side effects are mild to moderate and happen within the first few days of vaccination. They are a sign the body is learning to fight the virus. Common immune responses include pain, redness, and swelling in the arm of the injection, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, and nausea.

## What do I need to know about the new variants of COVID-19 virus?

Getting sick from a variant may lead to extreme COVID-19 illness. Choosing vaccination is an important part of protecting yourself and those around you.



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For more information, please call the COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line 1-833-734-0965

M-F 8am - 6pm, Sat 9am - 5pm, closed Sunday or visit [vaccinate.wv.gov](https://vaccinate.wv.gov)

