

# COVID-19 *Vaccine* FACTS

## COVID-19 vaccines **WILL NOT** give you COVID-19.

There are several different types of vaccines being developed to teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight COVID-19. None of the vaccines in development in the United States use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

Once administered, it will take time for the vaccine to teach your immune system how to respond to COVID-19. Exposure to the virus until your immunity is developed can still result in a COVID-19 infection and all safety guidelines should still be followed once vaccinated.

## COVID-19 vaccines **WILL NOT** cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.

The goal of the vaccine is to develop an immune response which may cause positive tests on some antibody tests, but not on COVID-19 viral tests. COVID-19 viral tests are used to see if you have a current infection and, because the vaccine will not give you COVID-19, the viral tests won't detect an infection.

## People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.

At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection is possible, it is advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if you have previously been sick with COVID-19.

## Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness. Because there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, vaccination will help keep you from getting ill or spreading the disease to those around you if you are infected but asymptomatic.

