

# COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHS & FACTS

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## MYTHS

## FACTS



**I already had COVID-19, I don't need to get the vaccine.**



The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended even if you've had the virus because there are many variants of the virus, and immunity eventually diminishes after getting the virus.



**I won't need to wear a mask after I get the vaccine.**



Even if you're vaccinated, you should still wear a mask to protect your community and other people who have not gotten the vaccine. You might also still be able to carry and transmit the virus to others.



**The COVID-19 vaccines are not safe—they were developed and tested too quickly.**



The coronavirus had a worldwide impact that required an immediate response from the government and pharmaceutical companies. However, scientists, government officials, and the pharmaceutical industry still followed the necessary safety precautions and normal testing protocol to make the COVID-19 vaccine safe for use.



**If I get the vaccine, my information will be shared with outside sources, especially if I'm an undocumented immigrant.**



The CDC and Department of Health and Human Services will keep identifiable data confidential, and cannot use it for any civil or criminal prosecution or enforcement, such as immigration enforcement.



**I have to pay for my shots, show proof of insurance, or show proof of citizenship to get the vaccine.**



Everyone is eligible for the vaccine--even immigrants! Insurance or proof of citizenship is not required to obtain a vaccine. Some places may charge an administration fee, like Hyvee, Walmart, or Walgreens. However, some hospitals are providing the vaccine free of charge.



**The vaccine will only make me feel ill if I get it.**



People who receive the COVID-19 vaccine may experience some mild side effects after the first or second vaccine, which could include headache, joint pain, fatigue, fever, chills, muscle pain; and swelling, redness, or pain at the injection site.



**COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility or miscarriage.**



COVID-19 vaccines have NOT been linked to infertility or miscarriage. Also, no other vaccine has been proven to cause infertility, so there is no scientific reason to believe this will change with the COVID-19 vaccine.



**COVID-19 vaccines will alter my DNA.**



The COVID-19 vaccine was developed with mRNA, which does not interact with the DNA in your body. Once the mRNA has finished working, the cells in the body will break down and get rid of the mRNA.



**COVID-19 vaccines were developed using fetal tissue.**



The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines do NOT contain fetal cells, and fetal cells were NOT used in the creation of either vaccine.