

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT COVID-19



With the arrival of effective vaccines that can protect us from COVID-19, we have a great opportunity to put this pandemic behind us and get back to everything we've been missing over the past year.

Here are some key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine.

It is **SAFE**

The available COVID-19 vaccines are authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

The vaccines followed the same steps for testing and approval that are used for all vaccines. They were developed quickly but no corners were cut on safety.

It is **FREE**

The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered free of charge to all individuals by the federal government.

Insurance information may be asked for by those administering the vaccine in order to bill back insurance. However, you will not be charged. If you do not have insurance, you are still eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge.

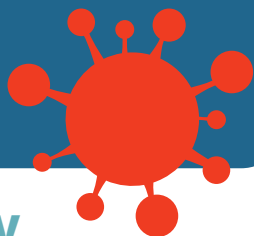
The vaccine side effects are mostly **MILD TO MODERATE**

You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects. The most common side effects include:

- Pain/soreness at the injection site (upper arm)
- Fatigue
- Headache

Other less common side effects include:

- Muscle aches
- Chills
- Nausea
- Fever



You may need **TWO** doses to be **FULLY** vaccinated

The following require two doses to be considered fully vaccinated:

- **Pfizer-BioNTech:** Second dose is given **21 days** following first dose
- **Moderna:** Second dose is given **28 days** following first dose

The following requires only one dose to be considered fully vaccinated:

- **Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)**

While we know vaccines greatly reduce severe cases and symptoms, we are still learning about the protection they provide. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and keep distance even after you are fully vaccinated.

Your two doses should be administered at the **SAME SITE**

You should receive your second dose of the same vaccine at the same site as your first.

Before leaving your first dose appointment, schedule or confirm how to setup your next appointment. This only applies for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.



Find out **WHEN** and **WHERE** you can get vaccinated

Louisiana is giving out the COVID-19 vaccine in phases over time, focusing on equity and safety.

To see all vaccine locations, visit

COVIDVACCINE.LA.GOV

or call **211** 