



## COVID-19 VACCINE: What You Need to Know

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### Current COVID-19 vaccines

There are three COVID-19 vaccines currently in use: the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine (commonly called the Pfizer vaccine), the Moderna vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

### Safe and effective

**All three vaccines are 100% effective at preventing serious hospitalizations and deaths.**

Vaccines are authorized for use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), meaning trials have proven the vaccines an effective defense against COVID-19. The FDA and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will continue to monitor safety and effectiveness data.

Safety is a top priority. No steps were skipped during the clinical trials and data review process for COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID vaccines are being held to the same standards as other vaccines to make sure they are safe.

### No cost to the patient

The federal government is making vaccines available at no cost to the individual. You do NOT need insurance to get the vaccine. If you do have insurance it may be billed but the vaccine will be no cost to YOU.

### Eligibility

**Everyone in Louisiana ages 16 and older is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19.**

Having a large portion of the population vaccinated is our best shot at a return to some form of normalcy. Based on conversations with our federal partners, we are encouraged that Louisiana will receive enough doses to vaccinate everyone who wants a shot.