



COVID 19 Vaccine Frequent Asked Questions Michael D. Greenberg, MD



HOW WELL DO THE VACCINES WORK?

Both vaccines being used (Pfizer and Moderna) are 95% effective in keeping you from getting sick with COVID

HAVE THE VACCINES BEEN STUDIED IN ENOUGH PEOPLE?

Yes, there were 3 large studies using over 100,000 people from many countries. It has also been used safely on over 150,000 people in real life in Montgomery County. It has also been used safely without problems in over 5 million people in the United States.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE UNTRUE THINGS ABOUT THE VACCINE?

It will NOT make you infertile. It will NOT give people a problem with their heart. It is NOT possible to get COVID by taking the vaccine. The vaccine DOES NOT have any live or dead virus in it.

WHAT ARE THE COMMON SIDE EFFECT WHEN YOU GET THE VACCINE?

Some people have a little “soreness” where they got the vaccine just like with all other “shots”
Some people feel tires, have some muscles aches, headache or low grade temperature the next day. This is a good thing and is a sign your body is making antibodies to keep you safe.

CAN YOU GET THE VACCINE IF YOU HAVE ALLERGIES?

ABSOLUTLY, YES. People with allergies to medications, nuts, foods, pollen, latex, and almost all other common things can and should still get the vaccine.

IF I HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

YES. Check with our doctor but people with HIV, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, lung disease, as well as those who have transplanted organs are all able to get the vaccine.

WHO SHOULD GET THE VACCINE?

Every person over the age of 16 should get the vaccine. The only exception would be if you have had a severe allergic reaction to a different vaccine in which case you should check with your doctor.

WHEN CAN WE GET THE VACCINE?

Vaccine supply is limited but as a DSP the work you do is recognized as critically important and you are in the highest priority groups to get the vaccine. Many DSP's have already gotten it so try to sign up now.

DOES THE VACCINE WORK AGAINST THE “NEW” STRAIN OF THE VIRUS?

From what we know now the answer is YES.

ANYTHING SPECIAL TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING THE VACCINE?

Remember you will need to get 2 injections (either 3 or 4 weeks apart) so don't make travel plans. Don't get another vaccine for 14 days before or after either of the vaccine shots.