

# About the COVID-19 Vaccines



**Millions of Americans have been vaccinated to protect themselves against the COVID-19 virus. If you're wondering which vaccine is best for you, the short answer is whichever one is available to you once you're eligible. All the FDA-approved vaccines are safe and effective.**

## What's the difference between the vaccines?

All available COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be highly effective at preventing serious impacts of the virus including hospitalizations and deaths. Their differences are primarily the dosage schedule and how they can be transported and stored, as shown below.

	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson/ Janssen
Type	mRNA	mRNA	Viral vector
Doses	2	2	1
Fully vaccinated/ protected	2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine		

Note: All three vaccines begin to protect you soon after being administered, including with the first dose.

## COVID-19 Vaccination is a Safer Way to Build Protection

- Getting the virus that causes COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as an antibody or immune.
- But experts don't know how long this protection lasts.
- The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by building immunity without the risk of severe illness.



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