

Myths and facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No, none of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

No, neither the authorized and recommended vaccines nor the vaccines currently in clinical trials in the U.S. can cause you to test positive on viral tests.

If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated?

Yes, re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, so vaccines are recommended regardless of a previous COVID-19 infection.

Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting a severe case of COVID-19.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?

No, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

Is it safe to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?

Yes, the COVID-19 vaccine will not affect your fertility in the future.

To register for a COVID-19 vaccine in New Mexico visit vaccinenm.org.

To learn more visit the CDC website at bit.ly/3arLU5O or Aggie Health & Wellness at wellness.nmsu.edu.

