COVID Vaccine Information

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What is Known About COVID-19

- Infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can result in a range of illness, from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.

- We don’t know how SARS-CoV-2 will affect each person.

- Some people, such as adults 65 and older or people with certain medical conditions, are more likely than others to become severely ill.
How to Prevent COVID-19

• Wear a mask that covers your mouth & nose.
• Avoid close contact with others. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.
• Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
• Wash hands often with soap and water.
• Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
• Get a COVID-19 vaccine.
COVID Vaccination: A Safe 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.
Key Facts About COVID Vaccine

Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19

People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests*


Safety of COVID Vaccine is a Top Priority

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the **same safety standards** as all vaccines.

**Before Authorization**
- **FDA** carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials.
- **ACIP** reviews all safety data before recommending use.

**After Authorization**
- **FDA** and **CDC** closely monitor vaccine safety and side effects. There are systems in place that allow CDC and FDA to watch for safety issues.

Before, During and After Vaccination

**Before**
- Learn about COVID-19 vaccines.
- See if COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for you.

**During**
- Read the fact sheet that tells you about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive.
- Receive a vaccination record card.

**After**
- Expect some side effects.
- Enroll in v-safe. V-safe will remind you if you need a second shot.
- Continue using all the measures to protect yourself and others.

COVID-19 Vaccine Websites

https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION (As of 3-15-21)
GEORGIA IS NOW VACCINATING

Healthcare workers (physicians, nurses, lab technicians, EMS)
Law enforcement, fire and first responders
Residents + staff of long-term care facilities
Educators + staff (Pre-K, K-12, DECAL licensed or exempt childcare programs)
Individuals 55+
Individuals 16+ with disabilities*
Parents of children with complex medical conditions*
Individuals 16+ with certain medical conditions*
Caregivers*

*For definitions and descriptions of conditions included, log on to dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine
Where and When to Get Your Vaccine

https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine
After Vaccination

Continue COVID-19 prevention measures:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a mask.
- Stay at least 6 feet from people who don’t live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- Enroll in v-safe

- If you have questions about your health and vaccination, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic.