

COVID Vaccine Information

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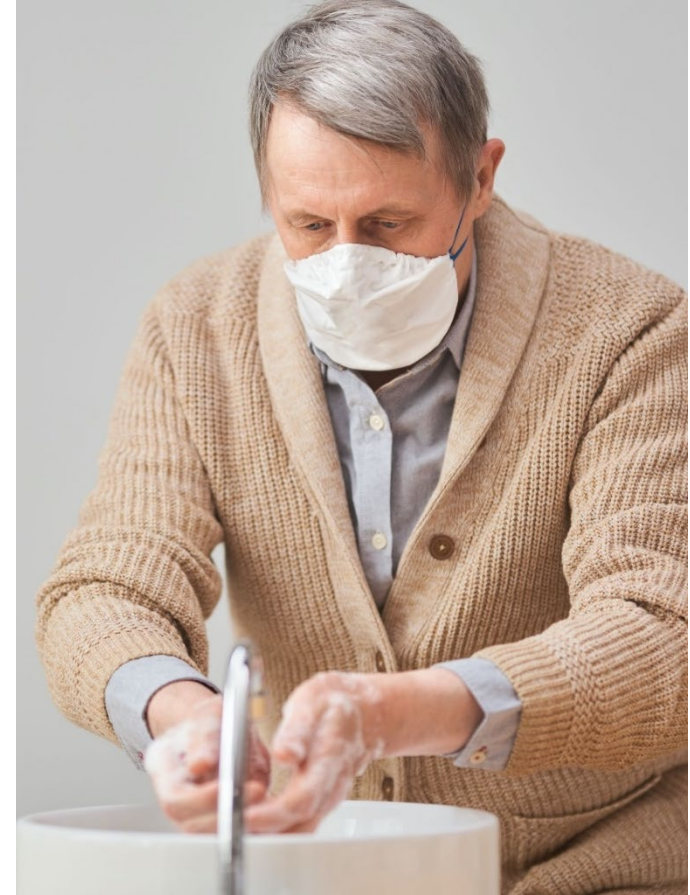
What is Known About COVID-19

- 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



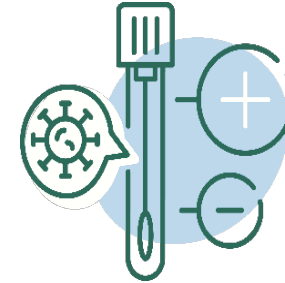
Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19



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*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>

*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>

Safety of COVID Vaccine is a Top Priority

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

Before Authorization



ACIP

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.



V-safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

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.

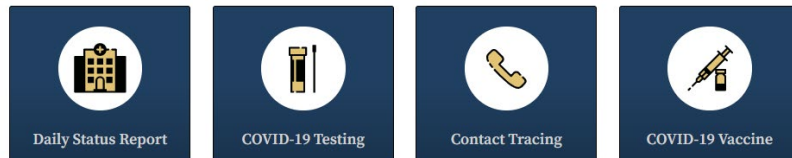
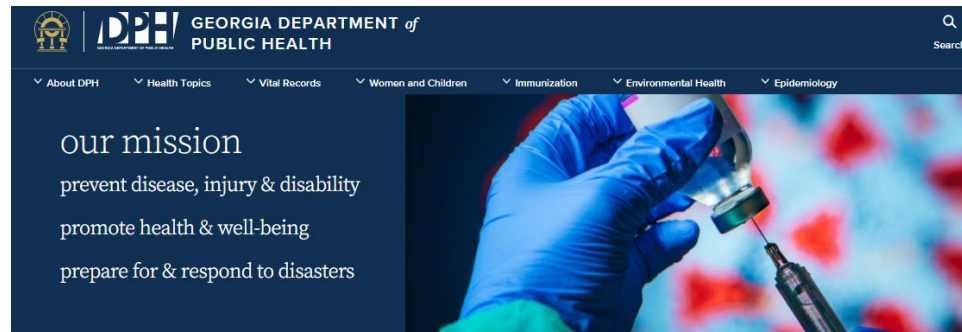
After



- 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.

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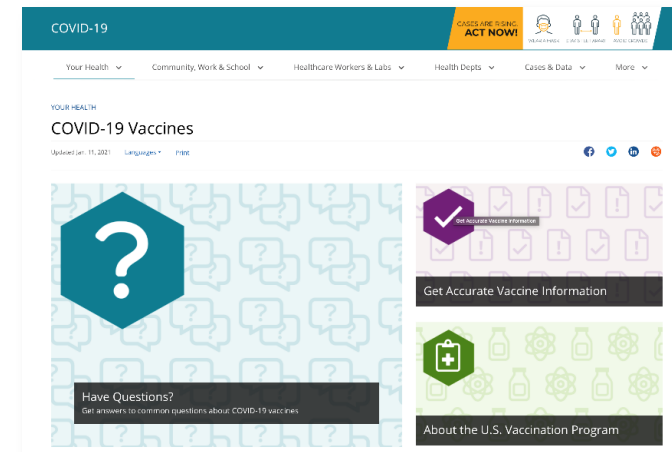
COVID-19 Vaccine Websites



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



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



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/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*

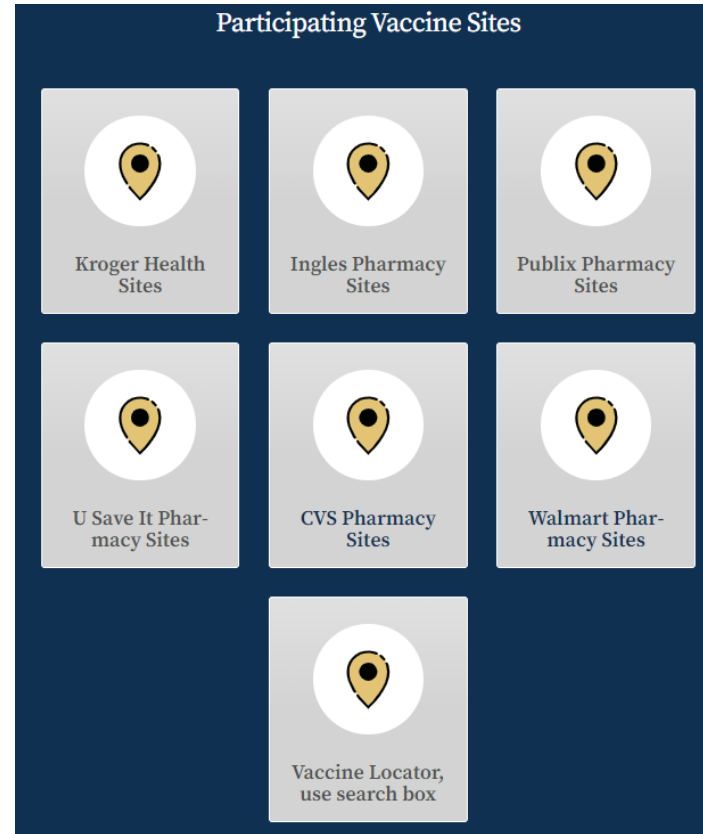
Parents of children with complex medical conditions*

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



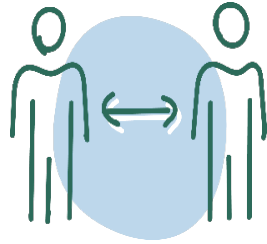
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After Vaccination

Continue COVID-19 prevention measures:



Cover your nose and mouth with a mask.



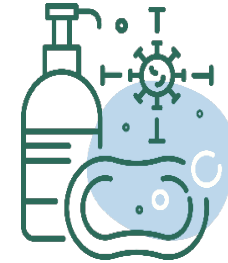
Stay at least 6 feet from people who don't live with you.



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.