

COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

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What we heard this week:

Do we have to enter to win a prize for DE Wins?

- Every Delawarean who is vaccinated in the State of Delaware after May 24 (and all Delawareans 12-17 vaccinated to date) will be enrolled in the drawing for weekly prizes automatically via the DelVax system – Delaware’s vaccination registry.
- There are no extra steps needed to enter the raffle.
- All Delawareans vaccinated in the state since Dec. 2020, will be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

How are businesses incentivizing customers to get the vaccine?

- More than 200 Delaware small businesses are providing incentives for customers who present their vaccination card.
- For a complete list of incentives, visit: DEwins.org/partners

What percentage of Delawareans are vaccinated?

- 67.5% of Delawareans 18+ have received at least one dose.
- 92% of Delawareans 65+ have received at least one dose.
- For more information, visit: de.gov/healthycommunity

What age groups aren't vaccinated yet in Delaware?

- We are focused on vaccinating every individual in every age group here in Delaware that are eligible.
- We are focused on every population – especially minorities and those aged 18-34 – and getting vaccines to communities across the state.

Does the vaccine protect against variants?

- All viruses change over time, and these changes (or variants) are expected.
- Scientists are working to learn more about new COVID-19 variants and their effects on vaccines.
- Current information suggest that COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States offer protection against most variants.

How long is a vaccine effective against the virus? When can we expect a booster?

- All three vaccines, Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are highly effective at preventing COVID-19 related death and hospitalization.
- Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are 95% effective against all forms of COVID infections, and the J&J/Janssen vaccine is 74% effective. In comparison, the annual flu vaccine is typically between 40% and 60% effective in preventing influenza.
- It is unknown how long the COVID vaccine's effectiveness will last, so an annual vaccine (much like the flu) may be required but timing of that is unknown at this point.

Is it true the COVID-19 vaccine contains magnets? I've seen videos on social media.

- The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain magnetic material.

- It contains salts, lipids, and other ingredients not microchips or magnets.
- For a full list of ingredients, visit: [De.gov/covidvaccine](https://www.cdc.gov/covidvaccine)