

# 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](https://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](https://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.de.gov/covidvaccine)