



Three Vaccines - Which One is Right for Me?

With now three different COVID-19 vaccines available and two more coming soon, you may be wondering which vaccine you will get when it is your turn to be vaccinated and if you will have a choice of which one you receive.

Teresa Branson, Deputy Health Officer at the Kent County Health Department, says "it is too hard to tell what vaccine people will receive at this time. The supplies are too scarce. Any available vaccine is being given to meet the needs of those wanting to be vaccinated. Experts stand by the fact that the best vaccine is the one offered to you."

Judging the vaccines by their efficacy is like comparing apples to oranges. The vaccines all had different endpoints for their clinical trials. The bottom line is all of these vaccines are nearly 100% effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths.

Pfizer -BioNTech

Moderna

Johnson & Johnson

All are safe and effective at keeping you from getting sick and dying from the COVID-19 virus.



Pfizer-BioNTech's two-dose COVID vaccine is shown to be 95% effective at preventing the COVID-19 virus with symptoms. It is greater than 89% effective in preventing COVID-19 symptoms in people with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes. This vaccine was created using mRNA technology. The vaccine is new, but the science behind it has been in development for years.



Moderna's two-dose COVID vaccine is shown to be 94% effective at preventing the COVID-19 virus with symptoms. It is greater than 90% effective in preventing people with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, from developing the COVID-19 virus. This vaccine also uses the mRNA technology.



Johnson & Johnson's one-dose COVID vaccine is 66% effective at preventing the COVID-19 virus with symptoms and 85% effective at preventing the COVID-19 virus with severe illness. Most importantly, no hospitalizations or deaths were reported among people in the clinical trial. This vaccine was made using viral vector vaccine technology which has been used against the flu, Ebola, and Zika.

REGISTER NOW to be Contacted for an COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment

The process to register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment has now been centralized and is being used by all of the local healthcare systems. Registered people will be contacted when vaccines are available based on the vaccination criteria established for Kent County.

<https://vaccinatewestmi.com/register/>

