COVID-19 Vaccine: Myths vs. Facts

Just like the COVID-19 virus, myths about the COVID-19 vaccine's safety and effectiveness are spreading. Learn more about the facts.

MYTH 1: The vaccine was made too quickly so it's not safe.

FACT: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) looked at many tests and results from clinical trials for safety before approving the vaccine. The FDA approves a vaccine only if it works and is safe. Tests showed that most people did not have any serious problems or side effects from the vaccine.

MYTH 2: The vaccine contains COVID-19 and I will get sick.

FACT: This is not true. The vaccine does not have any COVID-19 virus in it and cannot give you COVID-19. It will not cause you to test positive for COVID-19.

MYTH 3: If you've already had COVID-19, you don't need to be vaccinated.

FACT: Due to the danger of COVID-19 and that you can get it more than once, people should get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have had COVID-19 already. At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after having COVID-19.

MYTH 4: The vaccine will cause me to test positive for COVID-19.

FACT: The vaccines will not cause you to test positive for the COVID-19.

MYTH 5: COVID-19 vaccines should not be given to pregnant women.

FACT: At this time, there are no signs that the available vaccines make it hard to get pregnant or harm a pregnant woman or her baby. The vaccine is also safe for breastfeeding mothers.



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