

# The TRUTH

About

## COVID-19 VACCINE MISCONCEPTIONS

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**MISCONCEPTION 1: The COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials were done in a rush, therefore, the vaccines are not safe.**



**TRUTH: While it's true that we don't have years of data on the COVID-19 vaccines, we do have hundreds of years of knowledge about the human body and vaccinations.** For an EUA to be issued for a vaccine, for which there is adequate manufacturing information to ensure quality and consistency, FDA must determine that the known and potential benefits outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine<sup>1</sup>. History shows almost every long-term side effect from vaccinations develops between 6-8 weeks after the vaccine administration. These vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore the technologies used in the COVID-19 vaccines have been developed over decades<sup>5</sup>. More than 331 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been given in the United States from December 14, 2020, through July 6, 2021.<sup>2</sup>



**MISCONCEPTION 2: The clinical trials for the COVID-19 vaccines are not racially diversified.**



**TRUTH: COVID-19 clinical trials have achieved greater diversity than many previous trials for other drugs and vaccines<sup>3</sup>.** In fact, Moderna even slowed down enrollment to try to enroll more racial and ethnic minorities. "I would rather we have higher diverse participants and take one extra week. Diversity matters more to us than speed," said Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel<sup>4</sup>. Meanwhile, Pfizer reported having 42% participants from "racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds."<sup>5</sup>



**MISCONCEPTION 3: Patients who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to be vaccinated.**



**TRUTH: Vaccination helps to protect against reinfection and from becoming severely ill<sup>6, 7</sup>.** Being vaccinated will also decrease the risk of developing ongoing health problems related to new COVID-19 infection.



**MISCONCEPTION 4: People can get the virus from the COVID-19 vaccine.**



**TRUTH: COVID-19 vaccines approved in the United States do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19<sup>2, 6, 7</sup>.** Therefore, the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.



**MISCONCEPTION 5: COVID-19 vaccines don't protect against variants of the virus.**



**TRUTH: Current data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines authorized and recommended for use in the United States offer protection against variants of concern<sup>2</sup>.** For this reason, COVID-19 vaccines are an essential tool to protect people against COVID-19, including illness caused by the new variants.

<sup>1</sup> FDA.org

<sup>2</sup> CDC.gov

<sup>3</sup> KFF: "Racial Diversity within COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials: Key Questions and Answers"

<sup>4</sup> CNBC: "Moderna Slows Coronavirus Vaccine Trial Enrollment to Ensure Minority Representation, CEO Says"

<sup>5</sup> Marketplace: "Why Pfizer Says it Pushed for Transparency and Diversity in Vaccine Development Process"

<sup>6</sup> JohnsHopkinsMedicine.org

<sup>7</sup> MayoClinic.org