

# What is v-safe?

**V-safe** is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you. And **v-safe** will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

Your participation in CDC's *v-safe* makes a difference—it helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe.

# How can I participate?

Once you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you can enroll in *v-safe* using your smartphone. Participation is voluntary and you can opt out at any time. You will receive text messages from *v-safe* around 2pm local time. To opt out, simply text "STOP" when *v-safe* sends you a text message. You can also start *v-safe* again by texting "START."

### How long do v-safe check-ins last?

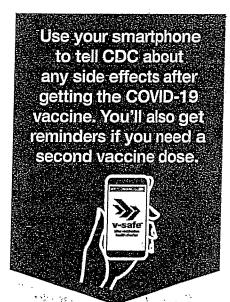
During the first week after you get your vaccine, **v-safe** will send you a text message each day to ask how you are doing. Then you will get check-in messages once a week for up to 5 weeks. The questions **v-safe** asks should take less than 5 minutes to answer. If you need a second dose of vaccine, **v-safe** will provide a new 6-week check-in process so you can share your second-dose vaccine experience as well. You'll also receive check-ins 3, 6, and 12 months after your final dose of vaccine.

# Is my health information safe?

Yes. Your personal information in *v-safe* is protected so that it stays confidential and private.\*

\*To the extent *v-safe* uses existing information systems managed by CDC, FDA, and other federal agencies, the systems employ strict security measures appropriate for the data's level of sensitivity. These measures comply, where applicable, with the following federal laws, including the Privacy Act of 1974; standards enacted that are consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); the Federal Information Security Management Act, and the Freedom of Information Act.





Sign up with your smartphone's browser at vsafe.cdc.gov

OR

Aim your smartphone's camera at this code



# Get vaccinated. Get your smartphone. Get started with v-safe.



Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second vaccine dose.

When you get your
COVID-19 vaccination, ask
your healthcare provider
about getting started
with v-safe

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