

COVID-19 VACCINES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

✓ **COVID-19 vaccines have passed rigorous reviews** and are **highly effective**.

✓ **Testing was thorough and successful.**

**70K+
PEOPLE**

participated in clinical trials for the two vaccines to see if they are safe and effective.

Nearly
95%

efficacy rate, to date, in preventing COVID-19.

✓ **Scientists had a significant head start developing the COVID-19 vaccines** because they have been studying similar vaccines for decades.

✓ **There is no COVID-19 virus in the vaccine.** The vaccine imitates the infection so that our bodies create antibody defenses to fight off COVID-19.

✓ **Side effects are mild, temporary and normal signs that your body is building protection.** You may experience pain and swelling in your arm at the site where the injection was given. You may also have a fever, chills, tiredness and headaches.

WE ARE IN PHASE

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- Healthcare workers including nurses, physicians, EMS, laboratory technicians, environmental services
- Long-term care facilities (LTCF) staff and residents
- Adults 65+ and their caregivers
- Law enforcement, fire personnel (including volunteer fire departments), dispatchers, 9-1-1 operators

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- Essential workers (non-healthcare) who perform job tasks across critical infrastructure sectors, ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health, safety, economic and national security

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- Persons aged 16-64 with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19

Equity Statement:
In each population group, vaccine access will be prioritized geographically, based on vaccine accessibility, disease burden and risk associated with socio-economic status, race and ethnicity, and geographic location. Final populations are dependent on approved EUA guidance and ACIP vaccine eligibility recommendations (e.g., children and pregnant women).

For more information, visit:

dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine