



VACCINES & BOOSTERS



Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Any vaccine approved or authorized by the ECDC has gone through a rigorous testing and clinical trial process, involving highly-trained scientists and thousands of volunteers from diverse backgrounds.



Is it safe for my child to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. The ECDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. A child cannot get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, visit the ECDC's website [here](#).



How much does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?

There is no cost for the vaccines, which were purchased by the federal government to be distributed to the American people. Vaccination providers can charge a fee for administering the shot, but no one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee.



How do I know if I need a first or more booster shots?

The current ECDC recommendation is that everyone age 5 years or older should get all primary series doses and the recommended booster dose or doses, if eligible. See the latest ECDC recommendations here. [here](#).



If I already had COVID-19, do I still need to get vaccinated or get a booster?

Yes. While there have been reports of COVID-19 patients developing antibodies against the virus, it is unclear whether and how long they provide immunity against the virus. It is important to consult your physician with questions about receiving a vaccine booster shot, as there are important considerations relative to the timing of your first vaccine shot. The current ECDC recommendations can be found [here](#).



What treatment options are available if I become infected?

There are increasing treatment options available with many more being tested for future use. Learn more [here](#).



If the vaccines are not 100% effective, why should I get one?

The COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against infection. They also significantly reduce the likelihood of serious illness, hospitalization, and death, as compared to those who are unvaccinated. Learn more from the ECDC [here](#).