



# Covid Conversations 101

## **How can I become immune to a virus like COVID-19?**

The best way to get immunity to the COVID-19 virus is with a vaccine. This is a safe way to teach your body to recognize and fight the virus before it makes you sick.

## **Isn't it better to get immunity from actually having COVID-19 than it is to get immunity from a vaccine?**

No. The CDC says getting the COVID-19 vaccine is the safer choice. While scientists are still learning more about the virus, the current advice is that COVID-19 has caused serious illness and death for many, many people and if you get it, you also risk giving it to your loved ones, who may get very sick.

## **Can individuals pay to be one of the first to get the COVID-19 vaccine?**

No. Vaccines will be administered according to the federal government's carefully planned priority list, which GoodWorks is thrilled to be a part of.

## **How do COVID-19 vaccines work?**

The COVID-19 vaccines assist your immune system to make antibodies that fight the virus. Your first dose is expected to provide 50% immunity. Second dose is administered 21 days after your initial shot is a booster bringing immunity up to 94-95%.

## **Is this a live virus?**

No. The expectation is that this vaccine will be seasonal just like your flu shot each year.

## **If you have had COVID-19, do you still take the vaccine?**

Yes, it is recommended that you take the vaccine.

## **How did they make the vaccine so quickly?**

Even though this has happened quickly, no one has cut any corners in the processes of reviewing and approving the vaccines. They have been held to the same standards of safety as other drugs and vaccines. This was a global and financial effort to ensure a vaccine was developed to save lives.

## **Who were in the clinical trials?**

These vaccines have been studied in large groups of people from diverse ethnic, racial, and age groups. This is a way to make sure they are safe for adults across a wide range of ages, races, and health conditions. No one under 12 or pregnant were in the clinical trials.

## **Will the COVID-19 vaccines be safe?**

Yes, these vaccines will be safe. We know this for many reasons. The same safety regulations required for all other vaccine clinical trials were followed in the COVID-19 trials. These vaccines have been tested in tens of thousands of people and only caused mild side effects similar to the flu shot with soreness at injection site. The fastest way to protect a lot of people from becoming ill and dying is by getting as many people as possible to get their vaccines.

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