



COVID-19: Myth versus Fact

MYTH	FACT
<p>The COVID vaccine was developed too fast, so it isn't safe or effective.</p>	<p>Scientists had a head start with this vaccine. They have been developing this method of vaccination for over 10 years. Learn more about the COVID vaccine development here: https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/how-did-we-develop-a-covid-19-vaccine-so-quickly#Other-coronaviruses</p> <p>Two companies, Pfizer and Moderna, have scientists and medical professionals that created the vaccine. Each company asked for volunteers to participate in a research project so that the scientists could better understand how the vaccine could affect people. During the research and testing of the vaccines, over 70,000 people volunteered to participate. So far, the research project showed that the vaccine is 95% effective in preventing COVID-19 and there are no serious side effects.</p>
<p>The COVID vaccine will give me COVID-19 or make me sick.</p>	<p>The vaccines do not contain either the COVID-19 virus or any live virus. After receiving the vaccine your arm may be sore, tired, or you may feel achy. This is normal - your body is teaching itself how to fight COVID-19. Click here to learn what to expect after receiving the vaccine.</p>
<p>The COVID-19 vaccine will change my DNA.</p>	<p>The COVID-19 vaccines do not alter DNA or interact with the body's genetic content. The material contained in the vaccine works to help the body fight off the virus and keeps you from getting COVID-19.</p>
<p>Once I get the vaccine, I can stop wearing a mask and do everything I used to do.</p>	<p>Once you receive <u>both doses</u> of the vaccine, you need to continue wearing your mask, staying socially distanced, and washing your hands. It will take several months for everyone to receive the vaccine and it is important to continue protecting everyone.</p>
<p>The vaccine is really expensive and I can't afford it.</p>	<p>The vaccine is free and is available to everyone. If you receive a phone call from someone saying they can give you the vaccine if you give them money or personal information), <u>hang up</u> – that would be a scam.</p>
<p>I'm hearing about people having bad reactions to the vaccine.</p>	<p>There were no serious safety concerns in the clinical trials with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Medical experts have said they expect for a small number of people to have a reaction. If you have a history of having allergic reactions to medications, read the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</p>
<p>Where can I get more information about COVID-19 vaccine?</p>	<p>View this presentation from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). Visit the following websites: https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html</p>