COVID-19 Vaccines: An Overview

Why should I get vaccinated?

To protect yourself, friends and family.

I'm worried that the trials were rushed and that this vaccine may not be safe, especially for long term side effects.

No shortcuts were taken in assessing COVID-19 vaccines for safety. COVID-19 vaccines have undergone safety evaluations similar to other vaccines.

Do I still need to wear a mask and social distance after I get the vaccine?

Yes, after being vaccinated you should still wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands frequently with soap.

What if I have more questions about the vaccine?

Reach out to your provider with any questions or concerns that you may have.

What if I don't have transportation to get my vaccine?

Call Senior LinkAge Line :
800-333-2433

What can I expect if I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

mRNA Vaccines	
How many doses is the vaccine?	2 dose series
When do I get my second dose?	21 days (Pfizer) or 28 days (Moderna)
How effective are the vaccines according to current studies?	One dose only provides limited protection from COVID-19. The strongest protection is at least 2 weeks after your second dose.
What are the side effects I can expect?	Common side effects include injection site pain, tiredness, headache, muscle/joint pain, chills, fever, nausea, or vomiting. Serious but rare side effects include an allergic reaction.

Sign up for the MN Department of Health

Vaccine Connector

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Via phone at:
833-431-2053

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