



# FAQs



## “I worry about possible side effects”

- It is normal to have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine's safety
- You may have side effects after vaccination, but this is your body's expected reaction, and it means the vaccine is working
- Vaccines rarely cause long-term side effects



## “Is there enough evidence that the vaccine works?”

- All vaccines meet strict standards for safety and effectiveness
- Nearly all the people who participated in Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J's vaccine clinical trials were prevented from serious illness



## “I don't see why I need it”

- Most Kansans have said they would get a vaccine to protect loved ones and help us reach herd immunity
- People who are vaccinated can get back to doing the activities they loved before the pandemic



## “I already had COVID-19”

- Reinfection is possible, so vaccination is recommended even if a person has previously been infected with SARS-CoV-2 – the virus that causes COVID-19
- People over the age of 65 have only ~50% protection against reinfection with SARS-CoV-2
- Younger people have ~80% protection against reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 – but could spread it to others



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## “I want to wait until more people get the vaccine”

- Widespread vaccination is critical to help stop the pandemic and reach herd immunity
- ~40% of Kansans ages +18 are fully vaccinated
- +325 million people are fully vaccinated worldwide



## “I cannot afford it”

- Vaccines are free and are becoming widely available across Kansas



## “I do not know when and where to get it”

- The CDC's Vaccine Finder Tool helps individuals find and schedule a vaccine appt: [www.vaccines.gov/search/](http://www.vaccines.gov/search/)
- You can call your medical provider, call 211, or try the KDHE telephone hotline (1- 866-KDHEINF / (866)-534-3463) to find providers in your area
- You can also text your zip code to 438829 (GETVAX) or 822862 (VACUNA) for assistance finding providers in English & Spanish, respectively
- If you do not see an active location in your area, ask your local health department how to access the vaccine:  
[www.kdheks.gov/olrh/download/health\\_directory.pdf](http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/download/health_directory.pdf)

## **NEXT STEPS HOW DO I GET THE VACCINE?**

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