



COVID-19 Vaccine Safety (In General)

Although the timeline for COVID-19 vaccine development appeared shorter than traditional vaccines, no steps in assessment safety were compromised. The research from previous coronaviruses enabled accelerated vaccine development. Safety was and continues to be a top priority.

Before being authorized for use by FDA, each COVID-19 vaccine was tested through three phases of clinical trials and the data was carefully reviewed by the FDA and their advisory committee (VRBPAC), and the CDC and their advisory committee (ACIP). The FDA and CDC carefully reviewed the data from the clinical trials and agree that the benefits of the COVID vaccines greatly outweigh the risks.

- mRNA COVID Vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna vaccines)
- mRNA COVID vaccines – Pfizer and Moderna – DO NOT contain eggs, preservatives or latex. They also don't contain live virus and cannot give you COVID.
- Viral Vector COVID Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

The viral vector COVID vaccine – Johnson & Johnson – DOES NOT contain eggs, preservatives or latex. It also doesn't contain the virus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19 and the vaccine cannot give you COVID.

After being authorized/approved for use by the FDA and recommended by CDC, COVID vaccines continue to be closely monitored for safety using established systems like VAERS, VSD and CISA, along with new safety monitoring systems like V-Safe. According to CDC, "these vaccines have undergone and will continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history."

