

Information About the COVID-19 Vaccine for People in Arizona

What is COVID-19?

- It is a short way of saying Coronavirus Disease 2019.
- COVID-19 is a terrible virus making people sick all around the world.
- Some people die from COVID-19.





What is a vaccine?

- A vaccine is medicine.
- A vaccine can protect you from getting sick.
- You get a shot or more than one shot.
- For example, the flu shot is a vaccine. It can protect you from getting the flu.

What do we know about the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Many COVID-19 vaccines are being made.
- Most COVID-19 vaccines require 2 shots from the same brand, such as Moderna.
- You get the first shot. Then you get the second shot 3 to 4 weeks later.
- It is important for you to get both shots for the vaccine to work.
- The vaccine will not give you the COVID-19 virus.



Where do I get the vaccine for COVID-19?

- You can see the list of places in your county that are giving out the vaccine at <u>www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine</u>. You can sign up online to get one or call (844) 542-8201.
- Some people will have a nurse come to their assisted living home or group home to give them the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Pharmacies, clinics and drive-thru sites will also give out the COVID-19 vaccine.

What are the side effects? Will it hurt?

- Your arm may be red and feel tired or sore after you get the vaccine, especially the second dose.
- You may get a fever, chills, achy muscles and headaches over the next couple of days.



- This is normal for many types of vaccines.
- Arizona doctors say to not take medicines for these side effects because they don't know if they affect the COVID-19 shot.



Can my boss make me get the COVID-19 vaccine in order to go back to work?

- Maybe. Your boss can make you get the vaccination if you want to continue working there in certain places, like a hospital or a nursing home.
- But some people may not have to follow their employer's vaccine rules.

For example:

Some people have religious beliefs that do not allow them to get vaccines.

Some people may have a disability that makes it harder for them to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Not everyone can get the vaccine at the same time. People who live in nursing homes are first in line to get the COVID-19 vaccine in Arizona.
- If you are older than 65 or have other disabilities, you can get it after the first group.
- To find out if it's your turn, go to <u>www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine</u> or call (844) 542-8201.

How do I know if I should get the vaccine?

- Most people can get vaccines and be safe.
- Talk to your doctor to see if you had bad reactions to vaccines in the past.
- Some people cannot take vaccines because it makes them very, very sick.
- It is important to get the vaccine if you can.
- Getting the vaccine helps you protect other people.
- The government makes sure all vaccines are as safe as possible.
- If you've already had the coronavirus, you still need to get the vaccine if possible, but check with your doctor first



Will I need to wear a mask after I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

- YES! We all must keep wearing masks.
- Doctors will tell us when it is safe to be in public without a mask.
- You must wear a mask and follow social distancing rules after you get the vaccine.
- It takes time for the vaccine to build up in your body. It might take 2 months until the vaccine protects you from getting sick.



WEAR A MASK





What if I don't want to take it or was told I can't get it?

If you think your rights are being violated about being denied the COVID-19 vaccine, call the Arizona Center for Disability Law at <u>1-800-927-2260</u>

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• If you are your own guardian, you can decide whether or not you want to take the vaccine. If you have a guardian, that person will make the decision.

If I have questions about the vaccine, where do I get correct information?

 You can find updated info on the vaccines by calling (844) 542-8201 or visiting the Arizona Vaccine Dashboard: <u>www.azhealth.gov/findvaccine.</u>



