

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the cost for the vaccine?

We are administering the COVID-19 vaccine free of charge at this time.

Will the vaccine be effective immediately after I receive it?

You must receive two doses of the vaccine before it becomes effective. The second dose should be administered 28 days after the first.

I am concerned about receiving the vaccine because of allergic reactions I've experienced in the past. Is the vaccine safe for me?

If you have a history of allergic reactions to vaccines, please discuss your options with your primary care provider prior to receiving the vaccine.

Which vaccine is Legacy offering?

Moderna.

When will we receive the second dose?

You will be given a vaccine record when you receive your first dose. It will show the date you need to return for your second dose. We will also contact you to schedule your second dose appointment.

How effective is Moderna vs Pfizer vaccine?

The Moderna vaccine is considered 95.6% effective. The Pfizer vaccine is considered to be 93.5% effective. Legacy is administering the Moderna vaccine.

Will there be any emergency resources on site in case of someone has a vaccine reaction?

Yes. You will be asked to wait for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine to help us identify if you have an adverse reaction. Someone will be available to assist you if this happens.

Will the vaccines be given outside? How will everyone be able to stay socially distanced?

Vaccines will be given indoors. There is space for social distancing and masks must be worn at all times.

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I heard that the virus mutated. Will the vaccine be effective against the mutated form?

The expectation is that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be effective against the new strain.

What's the difference between Pfizer & Moderna?

The main difference is in required storage conditions. Moderna is more stable at normal refrigeration temperatures.

What if I had COVID before? Will I have a different reaction from someone who has never had COVID?

It is safe and recommended to get the vaccine if someone has a history of the disease. We don't anticipate any adverse events in an individual who already had COVID-19. If newly diagnosed with COVID-19, it is recommended to wait at least 14 days from the time of infection to get the vaccine.

Do I still need to get the vaccine even though I already had the virus?

It is recommended to get the vaccine, regardless of disease history. What we know is that most people don't usually get covid again within 90 days of their prior infection. We don't know if someone with disease history has protection beyond that. You should wait at least 14 days from your prior COVID infection to receive the vaccine.

Is there a recommended time frame between the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccine should be given apart from other vaccines. We recommend a 14-day interval between the flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine.

Should I get a rapid COVID-19 test prior to receiving the vaccine to ensure that I do not have an active infection? If not, will the vaccine still be as effective?

There is no need to test prior to vaccination. However, if you have symptoms of COVID-19, do not get vaccinated. If you are experiencing symptoms, we recommend speaking to a primary care doctor or getting tested. You will be screened prior to receiving the vaccine to identify if you may be infected. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, we will not administer the vaccine.

Will I have other opportunities to get vaccinated later in January? I would like to talk this over with my doctor before committing to getting it.

Yes, you will have the opportunity. I can send a message over to your provider now to let them know you have questions.

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Does having asthma make me more prone to getting the virus?

You are not necessarily more prone to *getting* the virus because of asthma, but you are more susceptible to experience severe symptoms of COVID-19 should you become infected. Thus, it is more important for you to get the vaccine to protect yourself.

If I run a fever after I get vaccinated, do I need to be tested for COVID?

You don't need to be tested if you experience mild side effects such as those listed below. Please call us at 832-548-5000 if your symptoms are severe or if you think they are not related to the vaccine.

- Pain at the injection site (92%)
- Fatigue (70%)
- Headache (64.7%)
- Muscle pain(61.5%)
- Joint pain (46.4%)
- Chills (45.4%)
- Nausea/vomiting (23%)
- Axillary swelling/tenderness (19.8%)
- Fever (15.5%)
- Swelling at the injection site (14.7%)

Additional information:

- We do not yet know how long the immunity will last after the vaccination.
- We do not know if one can spread the virus after vaccination as the trial did not check for prevention of transmissibility of the virus after vaccination. You should continue to wear a mask and socially distance from others.