GET THE VAX FACTS

COVID-19 has up-ended our lives for almost 2 years. The sad truth is - many have died and lost loved ones, and many are struggling with significant long-term effects of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Over 400 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the United States since December 2020.

We’re all in this together, and we must work together to move forward. We know as more people are vaccinated, we improve our odds of preventing future outbreaks and lockdowns. Even if your individual risk is low, by choosing to get vaccinated, you are protecting not only yourself and your family, but you are also making the community safer for everyone, including those currently unable to get the vaccine.

It’s normal to ask questions about medical interventions, and there are answers and resources available to help you choose whether or not to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

WERE VACCINES DEVELOPED TOO QUICKLY?

Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines since they were authorized for emergency use by FDA. These vaccines have undergone and will continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. This monitoring includes using both established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET VACCINATED?

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. People who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities that they did prior to the pandemic. Children ages 5 years and older are able to get an age-appropriate dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

WILL THE VACCINE MAKE ME SICK?

Getting the vaccine is safer than getting COVID-19. Severe COVID-19 illness can be very dangerous and even deadly for people of all ages, including children. COVID-19 symptoms can last weeks or months. Researchers still do not know why some people experience long term, continuing symptoms and it is happening to people of all ages, and to healthy people as well as people with underlying medical conditions.