

COVID-19 Vaccines

Common Worries and Facts

I'M WORRIED...

The vaccine will give me COVID-19.



FACT

You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the virus that causes COVID-19.

I'M WORRIED...

The vaccines are unsafe and don't work.



FACT

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

Vaccines were tested on tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. They met FDA's rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization. They were all found to be very good at preventing people from getting sick with COVID-19.

I'M WORRIED...

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine contains fetal tissue.



FACT

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine does not contain parts of fetuses or fetal cells.

The vaccine was created using the same technology as many other vaccines. One piece of the vaccine is made in lab-grown copies of cells that originally came from elective abortions that took place over 35 years ago. Since then, the cell lines for these vaccines have been maintained in the lab. No further sources of fetal cells are used to make these vaccines. This might be new information for some people. However, vaccines for chickenpox, rubella and hepatitis A are made in the same way.

I'M WORRIED...

The COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility or impotence.



FACT

The vaccines do not interact with your reproductive organs.

Your worries around reproductive health and vaccines are understandable. Here is what we know: there is no scientific evidence that vaccines cause infertility or impotence. When the vaccine enters your body, it works with your immune system to create antibodies to fight the coronavirus. This process does not interfere with your reproductive organs.

I'M WORRIED...

I don't need the vaccine if I already had COVID-19.

✓ FACT

You should still get vaccinated if you already had COVID-19.

Data show it is uncommon to be re-infected with COVID-19 in the 90 days after you were infected. That means you might have some protection from COVID-19 (called natural immunity) for a little while. However, we don't know how long natural immunity lasts.

I'M WORRIED...

The vaccines have microchips that track people.

✓ FACT

The vaccines do not contain a microchip or a tracking device.

The vaccines only contain an active ingredient that helps your body create antibodies to fight COVID-19, plus fats, salts, and sugars.

I'M WORRIED...

COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe for people who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

✓ FACT

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you can get vaccinated.

There is no evidence that COVID-19 causes any problems with pregnancy. You do not need to stop breastfeeding if you want to get vaccinated. In fact, early reports suggest the vaccine might help your body pass antibodies to your baby through breastmilk. More studies are needed, but if this is confirmed, it will help protect your baby from COVID-19.

I'M WORRIED...

The COVID-19 vaccines will change my DNA.

✓ FACT

COVID-19 vaccines do not change or affect your DNA.

All the vaccines available deliver instructions to our cells to start building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. The vaccine does not enter the part of the cell where our DNA is kept. Instead, the vaccines work with our body's natural defenses to build immunity.

I'M WORRIED...

I'll get a blood clot after getting vaccinated.

✓ FACT

The risk of getting blood clots is extremely low.

The number of people who got blood clots after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was extremely low compared to the millions of people who got vaccinated and didn't get blood clots. For example, the risk is much lower than taking birth control, which millions of women use every day. If you're concerned about taking the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are also available.