WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINES

Multiple COVID-19 vaccines are now available in North Carolina. This is an important step to helping us beat this virus.

The vaccines work.
Scientists found the vaccines could help prevent people from getting sick with COVID-19.

The vaccines are safe.
The COVID-19 vaccines went through every stage of clinical trials. More than 70,000 people of all different races and ethnicities participated in the COVID-19 vaccine trials. Health professionals will continue to monitor the vaccines' safety and effectiveness against the virus.

The vaccines do not contain COVID-19.
The vaccines safely trick your body into thinking the virus is attacking. This causes your body to create the defenses your body needs to fight off COVID-19 if the real virus attacks.

Very few people experience serious side effects.
Just like other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines can cause minor side effects. If you are worried about potential side effects, contact your doctor.

You might not get a vaccine right away.
Everyone who wants a vaccine will eventually get one. To find out when you will be able to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and to schedule a vaccine appointment, visit YourShot.org or contact your local health department. You can find other local vaccine clinic information at NashUNCHealthCare.org/Vaccine.

There is no charge for the COVID-19 vaccine.
You also do not need health insurance to get a vaccine.

You may need two doses of the vaccine.
Depending on which vaccine you receive, you may need a second dose three to four weeks after your first one. All COVID-19 vaccines will help your body build up a strong resistance to the virus.

Some people should talk to their doctor first.
People who have serious allergies and/or are pregnant, breastfeeding or immunocompromised should talk with their doctor before receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you have had COVID-19, you should still get the vaccines.
It is possible to get COVID-19 more than once and the vaccines will help to prevent you from getting sick again.

Please continue to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.
Even after you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you should continue to wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and stay 6 feet apart. Thank you for helping protect yourself and your community!

Get the facts about the COVID-19 vaccines and learn how to schedule your vaccination.

Visit NashUNCHealthCare.org/vaccine for more information.

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