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Increasing Vaccine Confidence Among Transit Workers

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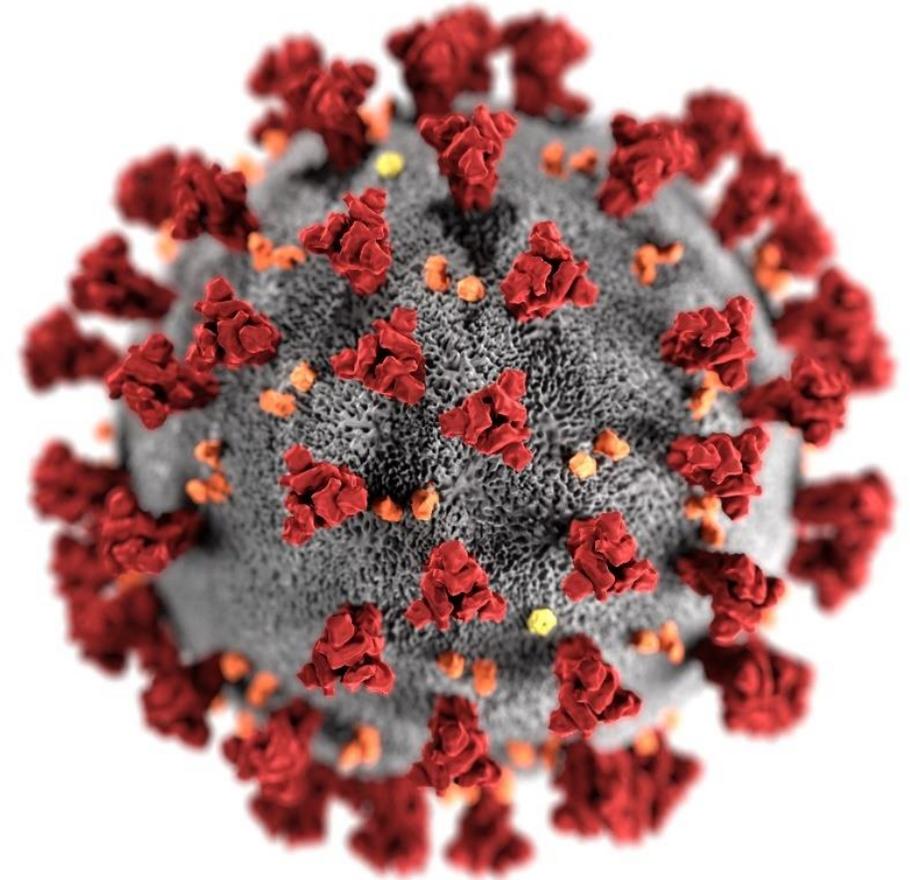
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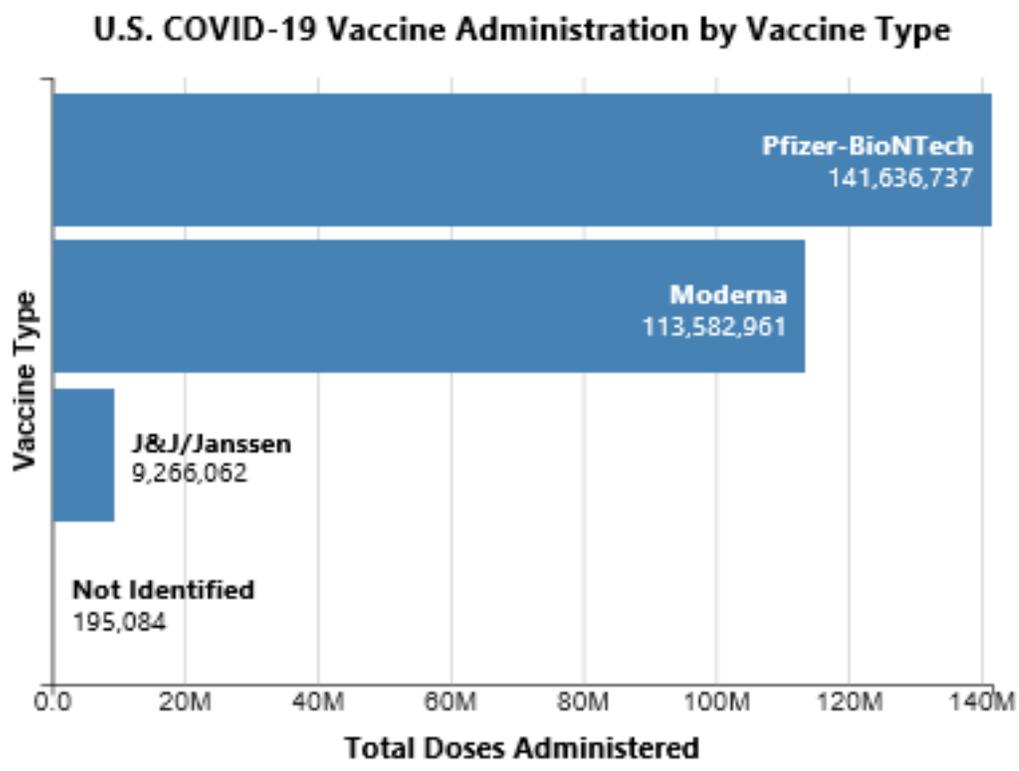
COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation

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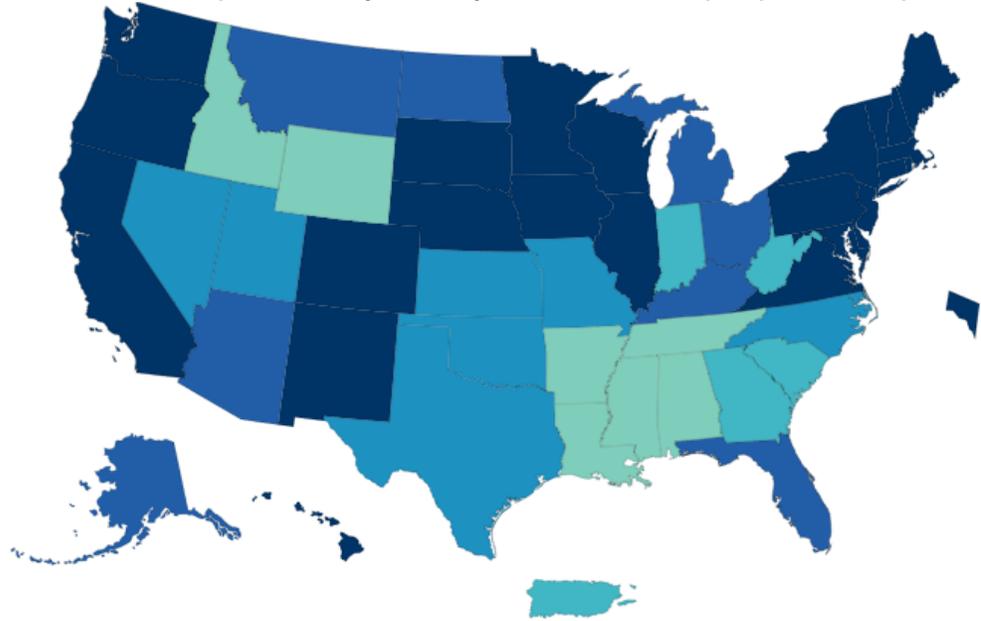


As of 5/13/2021, the U.S. has administered more than 264 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine

46% of population received at least one dose; 35% fully vaccinated



Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population



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Federal Entities

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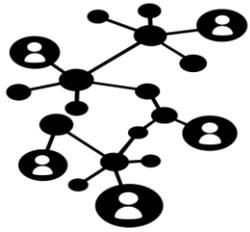
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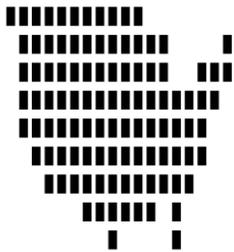
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ACIP: COVID-19 Vaccine Guiding Principles

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Efficient Distribution. During a pandemic, efficient, expeditious, and equitable distribution and administration of authorized vaccine is critical



Flexibility. Within national guidelines, state and local jurisdictions should have flexibility to administer vaccine based on local epidemiology and demand

Currently Authorized Vaccines

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna



mRNA vaccines
Require two doses



- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen



Viral vector vaccine
Requires one dose

- All three vaccines were tested in tens of thousands of adults from diverse backgrounds, including older adults and communities of color.
- All three vaccines have been proven effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19 disease.
- It is unknown how long protection from vaccines might last.

All COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Available Are Safe and Effective

- Millions of people in the U.S. have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in US history.
- All COVID-19 vaccines in development are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will only be authorized or approved if the benefits outweigh potential risks.
- The FDA and CDC will continue to closely monitor the safety of these vaccines.
- Getting vaccinated can help protect those around you, especially those at increased risk for severe illness.



Fast-Tracking COVID-19 Vaccines While Ensuring Safety

- COVID-19 vaccines were developed based on years of research.
- Researchers used existing networks to conduct COVID-19 vaccine trials.
- Manufacturing began while clinical trials were still underway. Normally, manufacturing doesn't begin until after trials are completed.
- FDA and CDC are prioritizing review and authorization of COVID-19 vaccines.

*For more information, visit the COVID-19 Prevention Network:

www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org/about-covpn

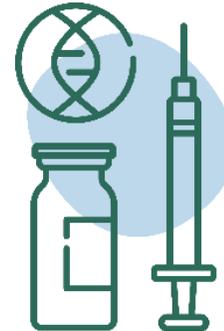
Key Facts about COVID-19 Vaccination



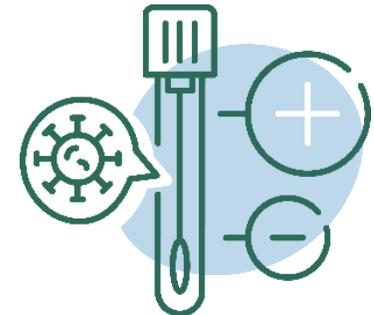
Getting vaccinated can help prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19



People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated



COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19



COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>

*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>

Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines Is a Top Priority

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the **same safety standards** as all vaccines.

Before Authorization



- **FDA** carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials.
- **ACIP** reviews all safety data before recommending use.

After Authorization



- **FDA** and **CDC** closely monitor vaccine safety and side effects. There are systems in place that allow CDC and FDA to watch for safety issues.

VAERS Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System
www.vaers.hhs.gov

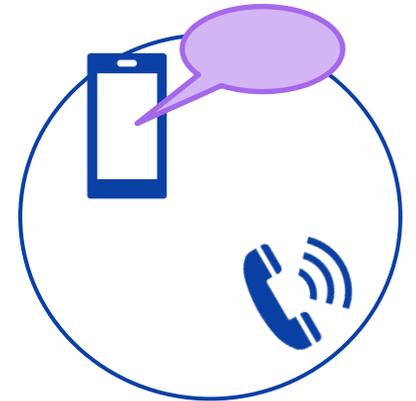


v-safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>



Active Safety Monitoring for COVID-19 Vaccines

- **V-safe** is a new CDC smartphone-based monitoring program for COVID-19 vaccine safety:
 - Uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with vaccine recipients after vaccination.
 - Participants can report any side effects or health problems after COVID-19 vaccination.
 - Includes active telephone follow-up by CDC for reports of significant health impact.



What to Expect Before, During, and After COVID-19 Vaccination

Before



- Learn about COVID-19 vaccines.
- See if COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for you.

During



- Read the fact sheet that tells you about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive.
- Receive a vaccination record card.

After



- Expect some side effects.
- Enroll in v-safe.
- Continue using all the measures to protect yourself and others.

V-safe: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

COVID-19 Vaccination is a Safer Way to Build Protection

- Getting the virus that causes COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as an antibody or immunity. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts.
- The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by building immunity without the risk of severe illness.



Protect Yourself, Your Family, Your Friends, Your Co-workers, and Your Community.

Get vaccinated.

- Both getting a vaccine and following CDC recommendations to protect yourself and others offer the best protection from COVID-19.
- Choose to get vaccinated when it is offered.
- Participate in **v-safe** and help CDC monitor for any health effects after vaccination.
- Share your experience with coworkers, friends, and family.
- Know the basics about the COVID-19 vaccine. Help answer questions from your family and friends.
- Show you received the vaccine by wearing a sticker or button prominently.



CDC COVID-19 Response Health Equity Strategy

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/CDC-Strategy.pdf>

- **Priority strategy 1:** Expand the evidence base
- **Priority strategy 2:** Expand programs and practice activities to reach populations that have been put at increased risk
- **Priority strategy 3:** Expand program and practice activities to support essential and frontline workers to prevent transmission of COVID-19
- **Priority strategy 4:** Expand an inclusive workforce equipped to assess and address the needs of an increasingly diverse U.S. population

CDC COVID-19 Response Health Equity Strategy: Accelerating Progress Towards Reducing COVID-19 Disparities and Achieving Health Equity

July 2020

Guiding Principles

Reduce health disparities. **Use** data-driven approaches. **Foster** meaningful engagement with community institutions and diverse leaders. **Lead** culturally responsive outreach. **Reduce** stigma, including stigma associated with race and ethnicity.

Vision

All people have the opportunity to attain the highest level of health possible.

Charge

- To reduce the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 among populations at increased risk for infection, severe illness, and death.
- To broadly address health disparities and inequities related to COVID-19 with a holistic, all-of-response approach.
- To develop a strategic plan to help us realize these goals.

Overview

Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing efforts to address avoidable inequities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities. The population health impact of COVID-19 has exposed long-standing inequities that have systematically undermined the physical, social, economic, and emotional health of racial and ethnic minority populations and other population groups that are bearing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19.

Persistent health disparities combined with historic housing patterns, work circumstances, and other factors have put members of some racial and ethnic minority populations at higher risk for COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death. As we continue to learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on the health of different populations, immediate action is critical to reduce growing COVID-19 disparities among the populations known to be at disproportionate risk.

CDC's COVID-19 Response Health Equity Strategy broadly seeks to improve the health outcomes of populations

impact of unintended negative consequences of mitigation strategies in order to reach populations that have been put at increased risk. **Examples** of potential unintended negative consequences include loss of health insurance; food, housing, and income insecurity; mental health concerns; substance use; and violence resulting from factors like social isolation, financial stress, and anxiety.

3. Expanding program and practice activities to support essential and frontline workers to prevent transmission of COVID-19. **Examples** of essential and frontline workers include healthcare, food industry, and correctional facility workers.
4. Expanding an inclusive workforce equipped to assess and address the needs of an increasingly diverse U.S. population.

Populations and Place-Based Focus

- Racial and ethnic minority populations
- People living in rural or frontier areas
- People experiencing homelessness
- Essential and frontline workers
- People with disabilities
- People with substance use disorders
- People who are justice-involved (incarcerated persons)
- Non-U.S.-born persons

Intended Outcomes

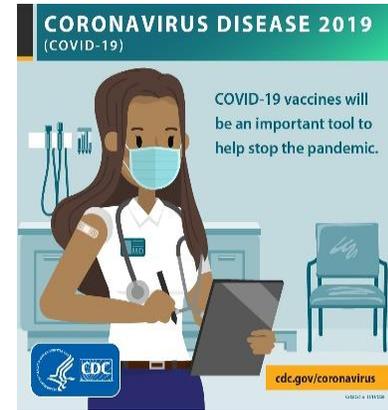
- Reduced COVID-19-related health disparities.
- Increased testing, contact tracing, isolation options, and preventive care and disease management in populations at increased risk for COVID-19.
- Ensured equity in nationwide distribution and administration of future COVID-19 vaccines.
- Implemented evidence-based policies, systems, and environmental strategies to mitigate social and health inequities related to COVID-19.
- Reduced COVID-19-associated stigma and implicit bias.

Workplace Vaccination Program

Employers considering implementing a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program should:

- Contact the [health department in their jurisdiction](#) for guidance.
- Understand a workplace vaccination program works best for employers with:
 - A large number of workers on site with predictable schedules
 - A location with enough space to stand up a vaccination clinic while maintaining social distancing through the process
- Include input from management, human resources, employees, and labor representatives in the planning process.
- Offer the vaccination at no charge to workers and offer it during work hours.
- Offer more than one opportunity for vaccination. Workers who are hesitant at first might become more confident after seeing coworkers get vaccinated.
- Offer flexible, non-punitive sick leave options for employees with signs and symptoms after vaccination.

COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation



- This is an **exciting and historic time**, but the work is far from over.
- There will be **unanticipated challenges**, but CDC will continue to work closely with you, our partners, to **find solutions and overcome obstacles**.
- Vaccines are an important tool to control the pandemic, but we need to continue to message the importance of **masks, social distancing, and hand washing, even post-vaccination**.
- After vaccination of essential workers, **workplace safety and health protections implemented for the pandemic need to remain in place**.

Where Can You Get More Information?

COVID-19

WEAR A MASK STAY 6 FEET APART AVOID CROWDS GET A VACCINE

Home Your Health **Vaccines** Cases & Data Work & School Healthcare Workers Health Depts Science More

Vaccines for COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. After you've been fully vaccinated, you can start to do some things that you had to stop doing because of the pandemic. [Key Things to Know](#)

- YOUR VACCINATION
- WHEN FULLY VACCINATED
- FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Getting Your Vaccine

- How do I find a vaccine?
- What different vaccines are available?
- Do they work?
- Are they safe?
- What are possible side effects?
- What can I do when I'm fully vaccinated?

Find a Vaccine

Search vaccine providers near you

VaccineFinder

- OR -

Check your health department

State / Territory ▾

CDC Resources

Learn more with **CDC's COVID-19 vaccine tools and resources**. Find information for COVID-19 vaccine administration, storage, reporting, patient education, and more.

- COVID-19 Vaccination:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>
- For Healthcare Professionals:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkits

- Medical Centers, Clinics, and Clinicians
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Community-Based Organizations
- Essential Workers

The screenshot displays the CDC Vaccines & Immunizations website. The main navigation bar includes 'Vaccines & Immunizations' and 'Vaccines and Immunizations Home'. A sidebar on the left lists categories: 'For Parents', 'For Adults', 'For Pregnant Women', 'For Healthcare Professionals', 'COVID-19 Vaccination', 'For Healthcare Professionals', 'COVID-19 Vaccination Planning', 'Vaccination Communication Toolkit', 'COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Data Systems', and 'For Immunization Managers'. The main content area features a 'COVID-19 Vaccination' section with a 'Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Information' button. Below this are four tiles: 'General Vaccine Administration', 'Storage and Handling Toolkit', 'ACIP Recommendations', and 'COVID-19 Vaccine EUAs'. A large graphic titled 'Getting 'Back to Normal' Is Going to Take All of Our Tools' is overlaid, containing the text: 'If we use all the tools we have, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces "back to normal" sooner:'. It lists four tools: 'Get vaccinated.', 'Wear a mask.', 'Stay 6 feet from others, and avoid crowds.', and 'Wash hands often.'. The bottom right of the screenshot shows two circular graphics: 'I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!' with a bandage icon, and another identical graphic.

Thank you



The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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Engaging Transit Workers to Increase Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines: CDC's Vaccine Confidence Strategy

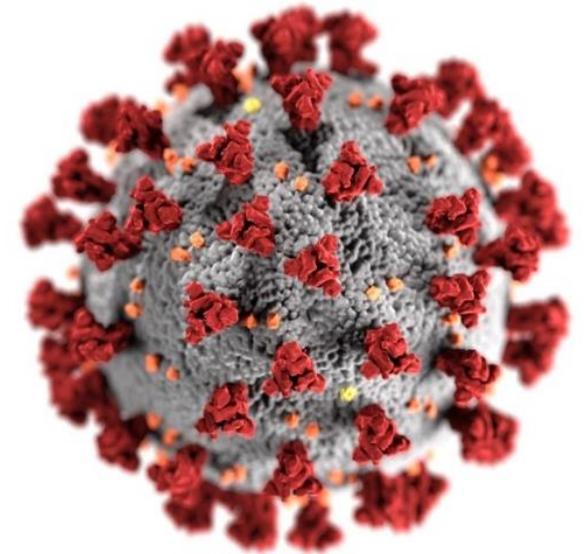
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Vaccinate with **Confidence**

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Defining Vaccine Confidence

- Vaccine confidence is the **trust** that patients, parents, or providers have in:
 - recommended *vaccines*,
 - *providers* who administer vaccines, and
 - *processes and policies* that lead to vaccine development, licensure, manufacturing, and recommendations for use.



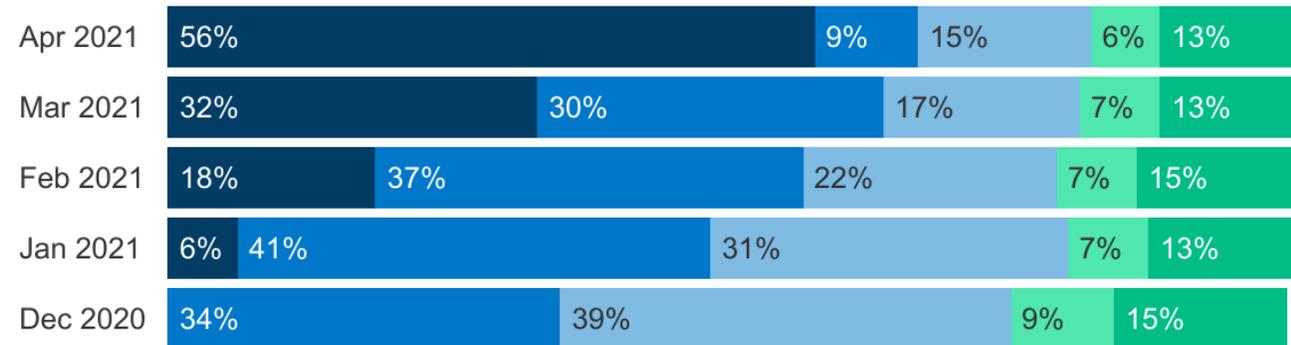
Vaccine Confidence Has Increased but Demand May Be Slowing

Figure 1

Over Half Of Adults Report Receiving A COVID-19 Vaccine, But Demand May Be Slowing As Eager Group Shrinks

Have you personally received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, or not? When an FDA authorized vaccine for COVID-19 is available to you for free, do you think you will...?

■ Already gotten ■ As soon as possible ■ Wait and see ■ Only if required
■ Definitely not



NOTE: December 2020 survey did not have an option for respondents to indicate they had already been vaccinated. See topline for full question wording.

SOURCE: KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor

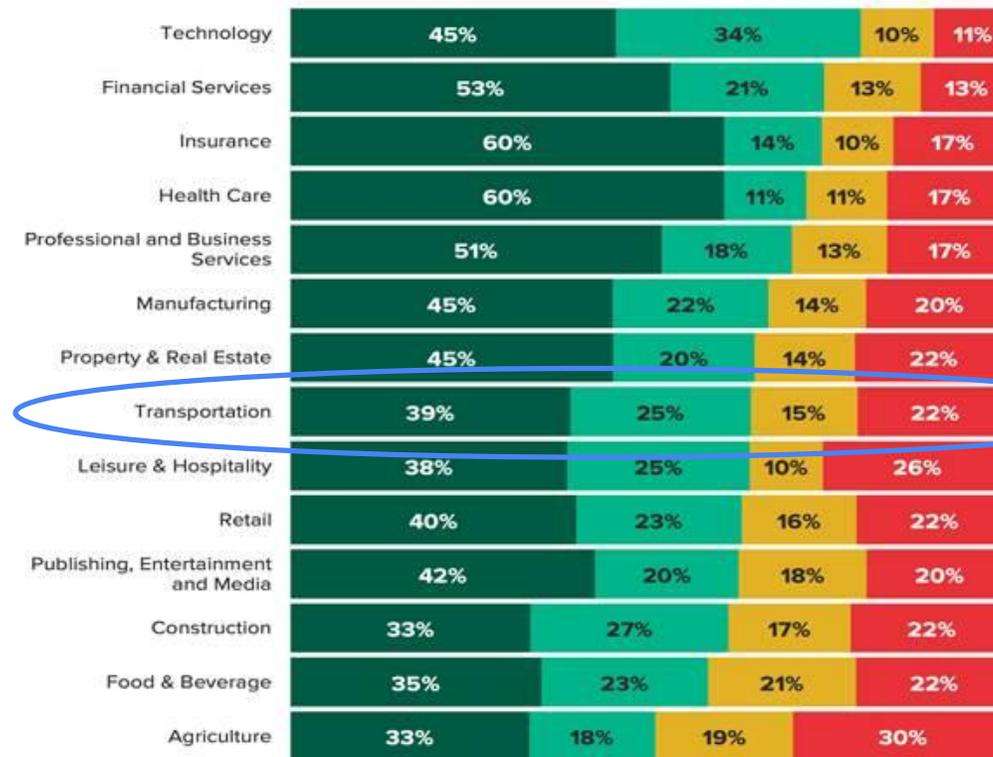
**KFF COVID-19
Vaccine Monitor**

Vaccine Confidence Among Essential Workers

Agricultural Workers Are the Least Willing to Get Vaccinated, Tech Workers Are the Most

Each demographic is comprised of U.S. adults who say they are employed in a given industry.

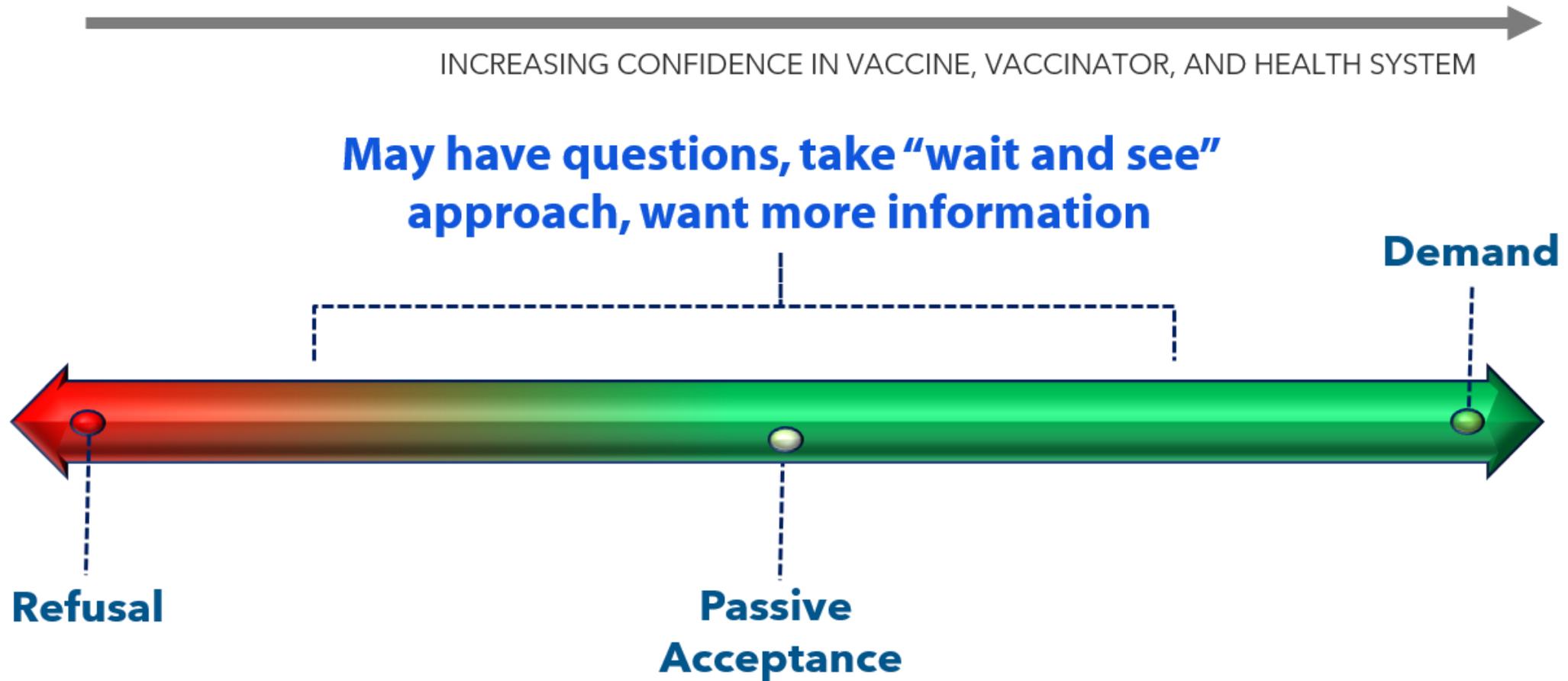
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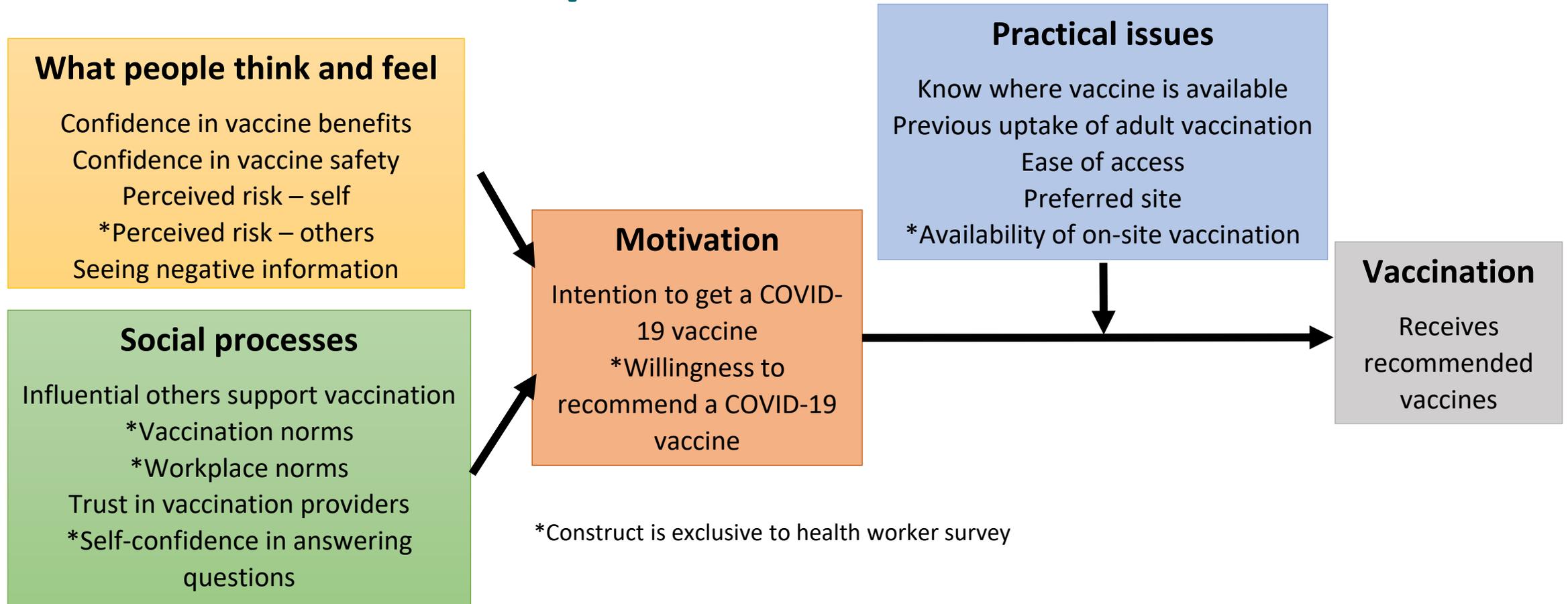
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Poll conducted from April 13-19, 2021, among 30,224 U.S. adults, with a margin of error of +/-1%.

Willingness to Accept a Vaccine Falls on a Continuum

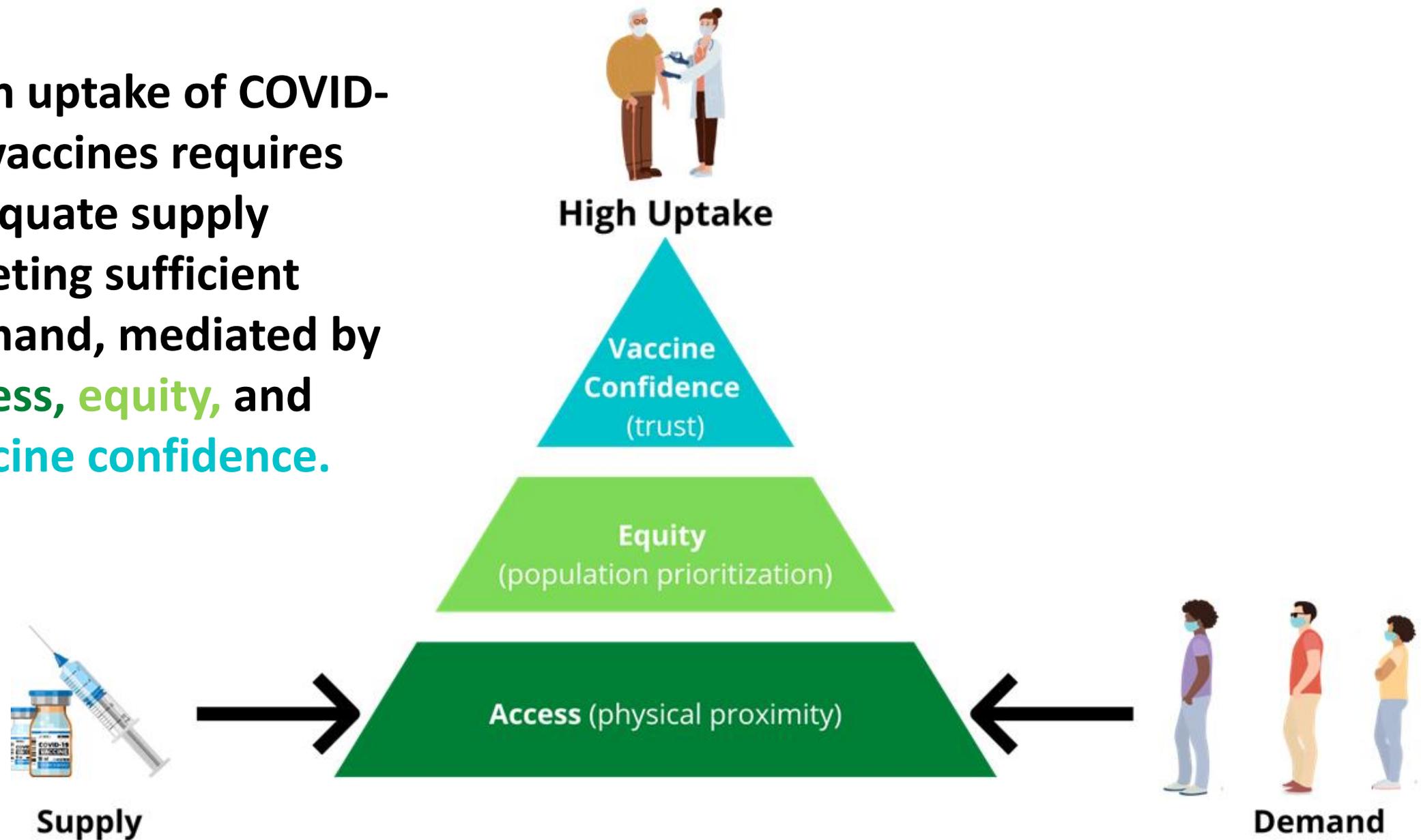


What Are the Social and Behavioral Factors That Drive COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake?



Citation: The BeSD expert working group. Based on Brewer NT, Chapman GB, Rothman AJ, Leask J, and Kempe A (2017). Increasing vaccination: Putting psychological science into action. *Psychological Science for the Public Interest*. 18(3): 149-207

High uptake of COVID-19 vaccines requires adequate supply meeting sufficient demand, mediated by **access, equity, and vaccine confidence.**





Vaccinate with **Confidence**

CDC's Strategy to Reinforce Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines

Build Trust

Objective: Share clear, complete, and accurate messages about COVID-19 vaccines and take visible actions to build trust in the vaccine, the vaccinator, and the system in coordination with federal, state, and local agencies and partners.

- ✓ Communicate transparently about the process for authorizing, approving, making recommendations for, monitoring the safety of, distributing, and administering COVID-19 vaccines, including data handling.
- ✓ Provide regular updates on benefits, safety, side effects, and effectiveness; clearly communicate what is not known.
- ✓ Proactively address and mitigate the spread and harm of misinformation via social media platforms, partners, and trusted messengers.

Empower Healthcare Personnel

Objective: Promote confidence among healthcare personnel* in their decision to get vaccinated and to recommend vaccination to their patients.

- ✓ Engage national professional associations, health systems, and healthcare personnel often and early to ensure a clear understanding of the vaccine development and approval process, new vaccine technologies, and the benefits of vaccination.
- ✓ Ensure healthcare systems and medical practices are equipped to create a culture that builds confidence in COVID-19 vaccination.
- ✓ Strengthen the capacity of healthcare professionals to have empathetic vaccine conversations, address myths and common questions, provide tailored vaccine information to patients, and use motivational interviewing techniques when needed.

Engage Communities & Individuals

Objective: Engage communities in a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive way—using two-way communication to listen, build trust, and increase collaboration.

- ✓ Empower vaccine recipients to share their personal stories and reasons for vaccination within their circles of influence.
- ✓ Work with health departments and national partners to engage communities around vaccine confidence and service delivery strategies, including adaptation of vaccination sites to meet community needs.
- ✓ Collaborate with trusted messengers—such as faith-based and community leaders—to tailor and share culturally relevant messages and materials with diverse communities.

*Personnel = All staff working in healthcare settings, including physicians, PAs/NPs, nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists, support staff, and community health workers



Building trust and vaccine confidence among people disproportionately affected by COVID-19 is critical to high vaccine uptake.

You can address information gaps and build vaccine confidence through clear, consistent communication.

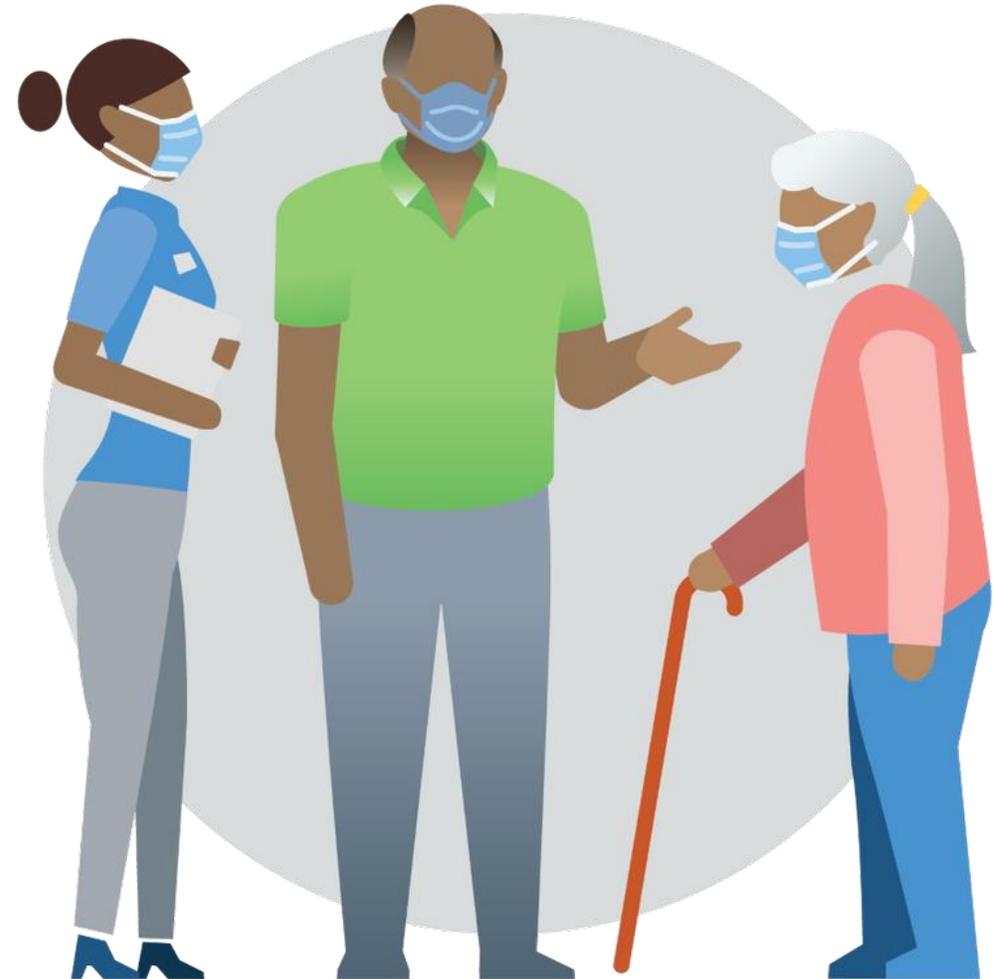
Building Trust is a Process, Not an End State

- It is our job to let communities know that it is *okay and valid* to have questions, especially *for those that have been hurt by societal systems*.



It Will Take More than One Conversation to Change Minds

- Vaccine hesitancy, especially when rooted in lack of trust rather than lack of information, is best addressed through trusted messengers in trusted spaces.



Trusted Messengers

- Effectively deliver messages and strategies.
- Validate the credibility of information.
- Address mis- and disinformation.
- Help create a feedback loop for addressing questions and concerns.
- Bridge the gap between healthcare providers and patients.



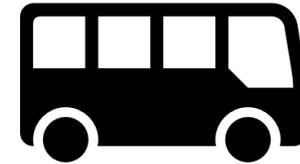
Be Prepared to Address Equity and Access Barriers that Are Identified

- Encourage two-way dialogue and allow space for people to ask questions and be heard.



Building Vaccine Confidence in Transit Agencies

- Encourage senior leaders to be vaccine champions.
- Host discussions where personnel at different levels can provide input about how to build vaccine confidence.
- Share key messages with staff using multiple communication channels.



More Ideas for Building Vaccine Confidence

- Educate those at your agency who are responsible for communicating with employees about COVID-19 vaccines, how they are developed and monitored for safety, and how teams can talk to others about the vaccines.
- Create safe spaces for staff to get answers to their vaccine questions.
- Make the decision to get vaccinated visible and celebrate it!



Communication Resources

COVID-19



Your Health

Vaccines

Cases & Data

Work & School

Healthcare Workers

Health Depts

Science

More

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Get Vaccinated



Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you.

[Find a vaccine near you](#)

Text your zip code to 438829

Call 1-800-232-0233

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines



- Vaccines
- Key Things to Know
- Information for Specific Groups
- What to Expect at Your Vaccine Appointment
- Benefits of Getting Vaccinated
- Different Vaccines
- Ensuring the Safety of Vaccines
- Ensuring Vaccines Work
- How Vaccines Get to You
- Communication Resources
- Toolkits

Get Email Updates

To receive email updates about COVID-19, enter your email address:

What's this?

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Communication Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines

Updated Feb. 23, 2021 Languages Print



Communication Toolkits

Find resources to guide vaccination planning and communication resources for specific populations.

Communication Toolkits



Vaccine Social Media Toolkit

Social media resources to encourage your community to roll up their sleeve for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Social Media Toolkit

On This Page

Print resources

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Print resources

Navigate to the [Print Resources webpage](#) and search by the language or audience you are looking for, or click on one of the options below:

Spanish

Other Languages

Add Your Own Logo

Vaccine materials are available for the following audiences:

General Public

Healthcare Professionals

Employers, Business Owners, and Community Leaders



Printable stickers

Printable stickers for staff to handout to people who have received a COVID-19 vaccine. Compatible with full-sheet sticker paper or standard precut 1 2/3" labels.

1 2/3" inch stickers, 24 per page:

I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine [115 KB, 1 page]

SleeveUp Sticker [397 KB, 1 page] (Available in Spanish [98 KB, 1 Page])

Orange stickers [95 KB, 1 page] (Available in Spanish [160 KB, 1 Page])

White stickers [236 KB, 1 page] (Available in Spanish [159 KB, 1 Page])



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Videos



What to Expect After Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

After getting a #COVID19 vaccine, you may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19. Call your healthcare provider if redness or tenderness increases after 24 hours, if your side effects are worrying you, or if they do not seem to be going away after a few days.

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Transcript [113 KB, 1 page] | View Low-Resolution Video [MP4]

Essential Workers COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

FAQs about COVID-19 Vaccination in the Workplace: For Employers

1 What are the benefits of having a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program?

Making COVID-19 vaccination part of your workplace wellness program offers many benefits to you and your employees. To keep your workplace healthy, consider offering free, on-site COVID-19 vaccination at your business locations.

Potential benefits to employers:

- Keep the workforce healthy by preventing employees from getting COVID-19
- Reduce absences due to illness
- Reduce time missed from work to get vaccinated
- Improve productivity
- Improve morale

Potential benefits to employees:

- Prevent COVID-19 illness
- Reduce absences and doctor visits due to illness
- Offers convenience
- Improve morale

If your business can't offer COVID-19 vaccinations on site, or if your state or jurisdiction has determined that your business is not a suitable location at this time, encourage employees to seek COVID-19 vaccination in their community and provide them with information about where they can get the vaccine.

2 How does my workplace implement a COVID-19 vaccination program?

Employers considering implementing a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program should contact the health department in their jurisdiction (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/safety/open-america/aid-search/index.html>) for guidance. The planning process for hosting a workplace COVID-19 vaccination program should include input from management, human resources, employees, and labor representatives, as appropriate. Important preliminary steps include obtaining senior management support.



I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!



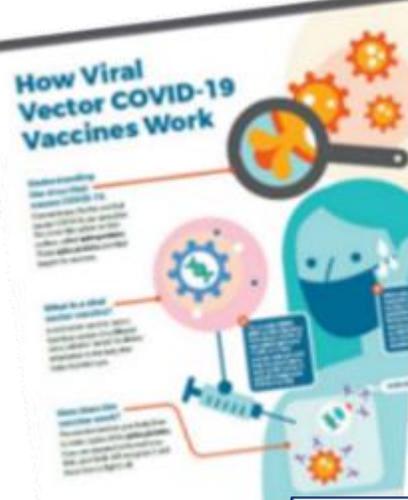
THE COVID-19 VACCINE:

As essential as you are.

Add one more layer of protection to keep you and your family safe.

www.cdc.gov

How Viral Vector COVID-19 Vaccines Work



When you get a viral vector COVID-19 vaccine, a harmless virus is injected into your arm. This virus carries a piece of the COVID-19 virus's genetic code. Your body's cells take up this code and produce a small amount of the spike protein. This spike protein is what the immune system recognizes as a threat. It then produces antibodies to fight it. These antibodies can help protect you from getting COVID-19.

How mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Work



When you get an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, a small amount of the genetic code for the spike protein is injected into your arm. Your body's cells take up this code and produce a small amount of the spike protein. This spike protein is what the immune system recognizes as a threat. It then produces antibodies to fight it. These antibodies can help protect you from getting COVID-19.

I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!



COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccines should be one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.



Getting 'Back to Normal' is Going to Take All of Our Tools

If we use all the tools we have, we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces "back to normal" sooner.

Get vaccinated. Wear a mask.



Stay 6 feet from others, and avoid crowds. Wash hands often.



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Protect Against COVID-19.



Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are available for free for everyone living in the United States.

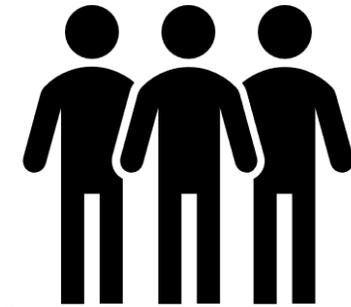
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Get Vaccinated:
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Coming soon!

- Guide for how to build transit workers' confidence in COVID-19 vaccines, including:
 - Conversation starter
 - Vaccine confidence readiness checklist
- Will be disseminated by our Federal Transit Administration colleagues.





Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you

Use Vaccines.gov to find a location near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment.

Find COVID-19 Vaccines

Powered by VaccineFinder



COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

? How do I schedule an appointment for a vaccine?

Vaccines.gov helps you find locations that carry COVID-19 vaccines and their contact information. Because every location handles appointments differently, you will need to schedule your appointment directly with the location you choose.

? Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?

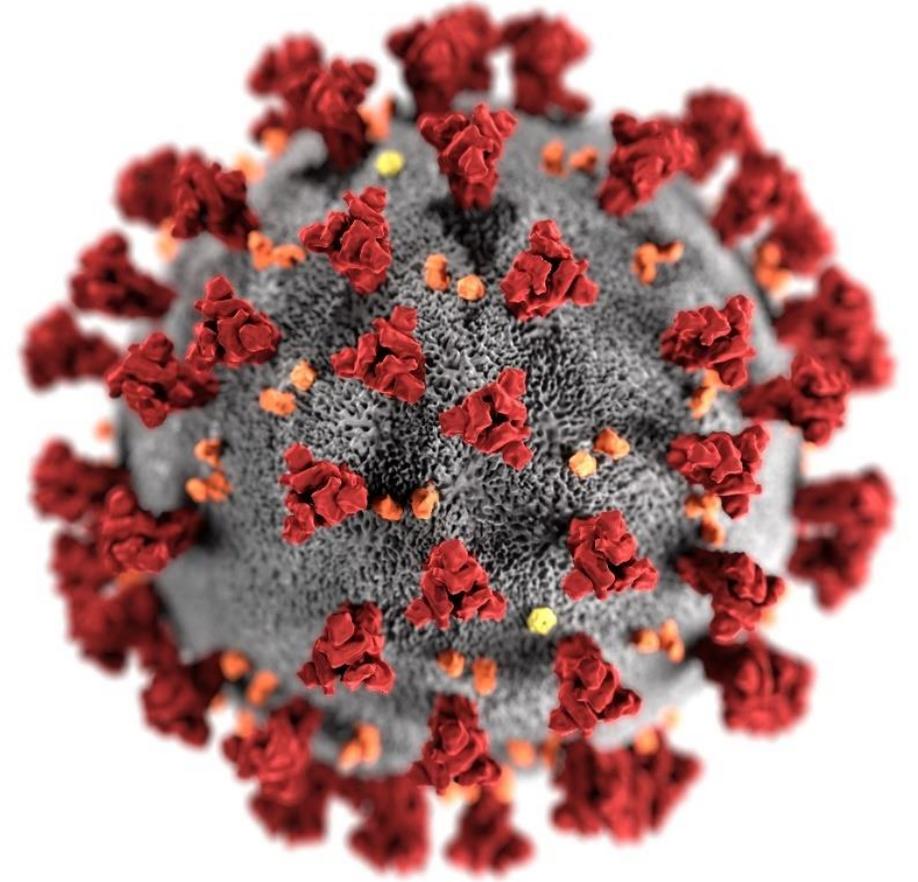
Yes, [COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective](#). Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history. CDC recommends you get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as one is available to you.

? How much do COVID-19 vaccines cost?

Nothing, [your vaccination is free](#). The federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.



Thank you!



For more information, contact CDC
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Questions & Answers



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Thank You!

This session has been recorded.
The presentation, recording, and transcript will be
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