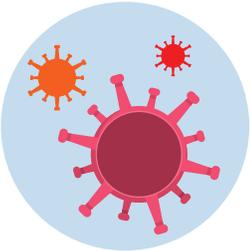


# Covid-19 Vaccine Tips



## What is a vaccine?

Current vaccines contain **safe** amounts of weakened or killed virus (unable to replicate) so your own immune system can make antibodies against a virus.



## What is this new method being used for the COVID-19 vaccine?

Pfizer and Moderna are using a new method to make vaccines: using messenger RNA (mRNA), something the body uses everyday, that is specially coded for the COVID-19 virus (spike protein, also known as an antigen). This does **not** change your DNA.



## What happened in the vaccine trials?

In both trials, there were ~74,000 participants who did NOT have COVID-19 (ages 56-85). Some were high-risk patients and from diverse ethnicities. They were given 2 injections approximately 1 month apart. Both were 95% effective in preventing COVID-19. The vaccines also lowered the severity of the infection.

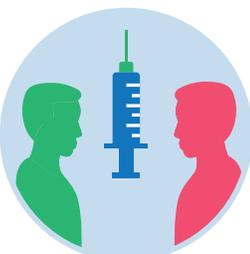


\*Long term safety data and effectiveness will continue for the next 2 years.



## What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Fatigue, fever, headache and redness at the injection site (these usually happened after the second injection). These side effects resolved fairly quickly and are also seen with other vaccines.



## How will the vaccine be given to those who need it?

The vaccine will be available in phases. The first phases will likely be for frontline workers, elderly, long-term care facility residents, and those in medically high-risk groups. The final phase will likely be March or April 2021.



## How does a vaccine get approved?

It goes through intense medical review, data safety monitoring boards, vaccine project monitoring boards, and the CDC advisory committee. They are an independent group of scientists with no connections to government or drug companies.



## Is the vaccine halal?

It is the majority opinion that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are Shariah-compliant. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have **NO** pork products or dead tissue remains.



## Can I stop wearing a mask and stop social distancing?

The vaccine doesn't stop the spread of COVID-19 if someone is already infected. This means you still have to practice prevention measures to stop the spread of the disease: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance.