

Are there any side effects?

Per CDC, after getting vaccinated, you may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. The most common side effects are pain and swelling in the arm where you received the shot. In addition, you may have fever, chills, tiredness, and headache. These side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

Any long term effects?

Per CDC, scientists study the available evidence, and while the rules of science **do** not allow scientists to say that **long-term effects can** never happen, the evidence **is** strong that mRNA **vaccines will** not cause **long-term** harm.

Why is this only one shot?

Per Johnson & Johnson the vaccine only requires one dose to be effective.

Are employers encouraging the vaccine?

Yes, many employers are encouraging the vaccine. Volunteers of America as an employer is requiring all employees to get vaccinated. The vaccine is strongly encouraged and recommended so we can stop the spread of COVID 19.

How soon is this vaccine available?

We are now being notified we can begin to discuss the process of vaccinating individuals in our residential programs due to being in a congregate setting. We will continue to work with the local health department and other resources to provide as many opportunities as possible for both employees and clients to receive the vaccine. As soon as more information is made available it will be provided.

Will this have to be done every year or is it a one time thing?

Per CDC, we don't know how long protection lasts for those who are vaccinated. What we do know is that COVID-19 has caused very serious illness and death for a lot of people. If you get COVID-19, you also risk giving it to loved ones who may get very sick. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer choice.

Experts are working to learn more about both natural immunity and vaccine-induced immunity. CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

Does it work on the mutated strands of COVID-19?

Per the CDC, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines recognize these variants. This is being closely investigated and more studies are underway. As new information becomes available, the CDC will provide updates.

Can it cause infertility?

Since I am not a healthcare professional I will not respond directly to this question. This question is one the person should ask their healthcare provider.

If you've taken the Moderna vaccine can you take the Johnson & Johnson vaccine?

If you received Pfizer for the first shot you must receive Pfizer for the second shot. If you received Moderna for the first shot, you must receive Moderna for your second shot.

Johnson and Johnson is only one shot.

If you've had COVID-19 already, is it still recommended to get the vaccine?

Per CDC, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That's because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.