

Is the COVID-19 Vaccine Safe?



Overview

Scientists around the world raced to develop vaccines for COVID-19. You've heard the vaccines are safe, but maybe you have some concerns. Let's learn more about the vaccines.

Rapid pace of development

First, was the testing thorough? Yes, it was. The development process for COVID-19 vaccines was the fastest in history. But that doesn't mean corners were cut. A COVID-19 vaccine must meet the same safety standards as other vaccines we rely on for public health. Top scientists around the world have done careful testing. An unsafe vaccine would never be given to the public.

Could it infect you?

Next, could the vaccine cause an infection? No. The vaccine doesn't contain any live virus. It may use a tiny bit of genetic code that triggers your immune system. This code can't infect you or change your body's cells. But it does help your body build its defenses against the virus.

Monitoring

Finally, are health officials watching for problems in vaccinated people? Yes. We have safety programs in place for this. Experts monitor vaccines and watch for any problems that come up. If they see a problem, they quickly study it to find out if it's a safety concern. If so, they make changes to protect your health.

Conclusion

COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe and effective. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 will save lives around the world. So get vaccinated as soon as you can. For more info, talk to your doctor.

