

THE COVID-19 VACCINE

5 Things You Should Know



After months of clinical trials and testing, the first doses of COVID-19 vaccines are finally starting to be administered to select groups of people across the country. As this effort begins, you may have questions: Is it safe and effective? Who can get the vaccine? And if someone is eligible to be vaccinated, what is the process? Here are five things you should know about the COVID-19 vaccine right now:

1. The CDC has developed a robust system to ensure that the vaccine is safe and highly effective, but you will need two doses for full protection. The CDC has deemed the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines **to be safe**. Both have undergone **rigorous clinical trials** and are over 94 percent effective. To develop immunity, you will need two doses from the same manufacturer, administered three to four weeks apart (you'll be fully protected from COVID-19 one to two weeks after receiving the second dose of the vaccine). You will still need to wear a mask and practice social distancing after getting vaccinated.

2. You may experience some side effects after getting vaccinated, but you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the live virus, which means you cannot get COVID-19 from the dose administered to you. The side effects you may experience in the first few days after receiving the vaccine are normal and indicate your immune system is building protection against COVID-19. [Click here](#) to learn more about COVID-19 vaccine side effects from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.



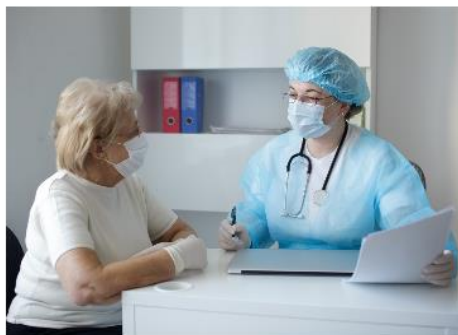
3. Texas is currently receiving and administering the COVID-19 vaccine. Doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are being sent to the state and passed on to various healthcare facilities with the goal of vaccinating some of Texas' most vulnerable residents. The following groups of people are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Phase 1A (frontline healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities)
- Phase 1B (people over 65 and people with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19)

The [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) estimates the COVID-19 vaccine will be available for the general public in spring 2021, though this depends on vaccine production and how quickly other vaccines become available. All of Motiva's health insurance plans cover COVID-19 vaccination (and COVID-19 testing) at 100 percent.

4. There are a number of ways for you to get the vaccine if you are eligible, but you may need to join a waiting list. As of January 19, the state of Texas is sending most COVID-19 vaccines to large hubs across the state, including those in Harris County and Jefferson County. If you are eligible and want to receive the vaccine, please check the [COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers page](#) to find a hub near you. To find all hospitals, pharmacies, and other healthcare facilities offering the COVID-19 vaccine near you, please see the [Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Availability map](#).

Please note: As of January 19, many hubs in the Houston area have all appointments filled for the remainder of January and/or are not currently making new appointments for vaccinations due to supply and demand issues. Many smaller healthcare facilities have received a very limited supply of the vaccine and may not currently have the first dose on hand. Join a waiting list, if needed, and check back frequently to see the status of vaccine availability at the hubs or other healthcare facilities near you.



- Be sure to contact the provider for information about vaccine availability, registration, and whether you are eligible for vaccination through the provider.
- Do not show up at a hospital or clinic looking for the vaccine—in almost all cases, appointments are required.
- Call a hub only if its website does not answer your questions.

5. Motiva continues to explore whether there will be opportunities to distribute the vaccine to employees in the future and will inform employees of any such opportunities through trusted channels. Because vaccinations are currently being provided to frontline healthcare workers and vulnerable populations, we do not anticipate being able to facilitate the distribution of the vaccine to employees in the near future. If Motiva is able to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to employees either directly or through our healthcare partners, we will inform you in advance via Motiva Communications (motivacomunications@motiva.com), which is a trusted channel of information for our company.

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Click below to access the CDC's accurate, up-to-date resources on the COVID-19 vaccine.

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List of COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Providers

Click below to find the COVID-19 vaccination hub nearest you.

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Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Availability Map

Click below for an interactive map of all Texas facilities providing the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Southeast Texas Vaccine Registry

If you live in Hardin, Jefferson, Jasper, Newton, or Orange counties, [click here](#) to register to receive the vaccine.

[REGISTER](#)

HELPFUL TIPS

Finding a COVID-19 Vaccination Provider

When searching for a COVID-19 vaccination provider, remember the following:

- Be sure to contact the provider for information about vaccine availability, registration, and whether you are eligible for vaccination through the provider.
- Do not show up at a hospital or clinic looking for the vaccine—in almost all cases, appointments are required.
- Vaccine supply is limited; depending on the provider, you may be placed on a waiting list and may be contacted when vaccines become available.
- Call a hub only if its website does not answer your questions.