## Q: HOW DO WE KNOW THE VACCINES ARE SAFE?

**A:** In 1199, our number one priority is your health and safety. All vaccines available to New York residents have gone through a careful clinical trial and approval process and have been reviewed extensively by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

## Q: DOES THE VACCINE COST MONEY? WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE INSURANCE?

**A:** : The vaccine is free of charge. If you have health insurance, we ask that you bring your insurance card to your appointment, but if you don't, that is okay. The state will cover the cost.

## Q: DO I NEED TO HAVE AN ID TO GET VACCINATED?

**A:** IDs are not required to get vaccinated. If you have an ID, please bring it with you but it is not required and anyone regardless of immigration status can get vaccinated.

## Q: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE VACCINATIONS THAT I CAN TAKE?

**A:** There are differences between the vaccine types, but all three vaccines currently authorized by the FDA are highly effective based on trials. Here are some basic details about the three types.

Vaccine Type	Age Requirements	Doses Required	Recommended Time Between Doses
Pfizer	12+	2	21 days
Moderna	18+	2	28 days
Johnson & Johnson	18+	1	N/A

#### Q: CAN I CHOOSE THE VACCINE THAT SAYS IT'S THE MOST EFFECTIVE?

**A:** All three vaccines are safe and highly effective against illness and death from COVID-19. Getting the vaccine, no matter which brand, will protect you from severe illness, hospitalization and the risk of death from COVID-19. Connect with your vaccine provider to learn more about which options they are offering.

## Q: CAN THE VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

**A:** No. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the three approved vaccines use coronaviruses, active or inactive, in their ingredients. However, it usually takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means it's possible you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick.

## Q: WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE VACCINE?

**A:** Those who receive the vaccine may experience mild symptoms of COVID-19 and soreness at the site of injection.

# Q: WHEN WILL I BE PROTECTED?

**A:** For the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, you must receive 2 doses of the vaccine 3-4 weeks apart for maximum protection against COVID-19. Full protection occurs about 2 weeks after your second dose. For the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you will be fully protected about 2 weeks after you receive your vaccination.

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## Q: CAN I GET THE VACCINE IF I'M PREGNANT OR NURSING?

A: Yes. The vaccine is safe for pregnant and nursing people. Also, there is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause infertility or increases your chance of miscarriage.

#### Q: IS THE COVID-19 VACCINATION SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

**A:** Only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for children ages 12+ at this time. More research is being done for children under 12.

## Q: IS IT SAFE TO GET VACCINATED IF I HAVE AN UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION?

**A:** Yes. COVID-19 vaccination is especially important for people with underlying health problems like heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and obesity. People with these conditions are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19. It is recommended that people with these conditions speak to their doctors for specific advice.

# Q: I'VE HAD ALLERGIC REACTIONS TO OTHER SHOTS, CAN I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

**A:** If you have had allergic reactions to injectable medicines, you should consult with your medical providers before receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Your provider can discuss what allergies may make it risky for you to get the COVID-19 vaccination, but it has been proven safe for the vast majority of people.

## Q: CAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 GET THE VACCINE?

**A:** Yes. CDC recommends getting vaccinated even if you have already had COVID-19 because reinfection is possible. While you might have some short-term antibody protection after recovering from COVID-19, we don't know how long this protection will last.

## Q: THESE VACCINES WERE DEVELOPED SO FAST. HOW DO I KNOW THEY'RE SAFE?

A: Decades of vaccine research before the pandemic, along with scientists around the world working together, made it possible to quickly develop the COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA followed their usual process for vaccine approval. With unprecedented levels of government resources allocated to vaccine development, many clinical trials were conducted simultaneously, rather than one after the other, which saved a lot of time. The speed in development is not a result of compromise in safety or quality.

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NYC Health Dept., Crown Heights Clinic 1218 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, 11213 (877) 829-4692

NYC Health Dept., Fort Greene Clinic 295 Flatbush Ave Ext., 5th Fl., Brooklyn, 11201 (877) 829-4692

Brooklyn Army Terminal 140 58th Street, Brooklyn, 11220 (877) 829-4692

BMS Family Health Center at St. Paul Community Baptist Church 859 Hendrix Street, Brooklyn, 11207 (877) 829-4692

Ezra Medical Center 1260 60th Street, Brooklyn, 11219 (877) 829-4692

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#### **MANHATTAN:**

NYC Health Dept., Uptown Clinic 158 E 115th Street, Manhattan, 10029 (877) 829-4692

MedRite Urgent Care, 42nd St. 521 W 42nd Street, Manhattan, 10036 (877) 829-4692

Church of the Holy Apostles 296 9th Avenue, Manhattan, 10001 (877) 829-4692

NYC Health + Hospitals, Harlem 506 Lenox Avenue, Manhattan, 10037 (877) 829-4692

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NYC Health Dept., Morrisania Clinic 1309 Fulton Avenue, 3rd floor, Bronx, 10456 (877) 829-4692

Institute for Family Health, Stevenson Family Health Center 731 White Plains Road, Bronx, 10473 (877) 829-4692

Bathgate Contract Postal Station 4006 3rd Avenue, Bronx, 10457 (877) 829-4692 West Bronx Gymnasium 1527 Jesup Avenue, Bronx, 10452 (877) 829-4692

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NYC Health Dept., Corona Clinic 34-33 Junction Boulevard, Queens, 11372 (877) 829-4692

Queens Public Library at Ozone Park 92-24 Rockaway Boulevard, Queens, 11417 (877) 829-4692

Mobile Vaccine Clinic, South Richmond Hill Pop Up

11910 Liberty Ave, Queens, 11419 (877) 829-4692

Citi Field

36-2 126th St, Cars enter through gate 11, Queens, 11368 (877) 829-4692

NYC Vaccine Hub, Beach 39th St. 39-20 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Queens, 11697 (877) 829-4692

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#### STATEN ISLAND:

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Gotham Health, Vanderbilt 165 Vanderbilt Avenue, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, 10304

Bay Street Health Center 57 Bay Street, Staten Island, 10301 (929) 459-2255

Richmond University Medical Center 355 Bard Ave, Staten Island, 10310

Metro Community Health Center 2324 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, 10303 (855) 624-2692

Conference House Park, Pop Up Saterlee St. & Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, 10307 (877) 829-4692

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