



WHAT to EXPECT WHEN GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Here are some key facts.



TWO DOSES 3–4 WEEKS APART

It is necessary to take both doses, as the vaccine will not be as effective if you only receive one dose. It is important to get the same type of vaccine as the initial dose.



SHORT-TERM DISCOMFORT IS POSSIBLE

Mild side effects such as fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, and pain are common and normal. These side effects typically last 24–48 hours and are typically more profound after the second dose. Side effects are a **GOOD THING** — it means the body is doing its job and creating antibodies.



PROTECTION OCCURS 1–2 WEEKS AFTER THE SECOND DOSE

How long the vaccine provides protection will be learned as more time passes and research is conducted.



WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SECOND DOSE OF COVID-19 IS DELAYED

If something happens that prevents you from getting the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on time, you can still receive it **up to six weeks (42 days) after the first dose.**



HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO WAIT AFTER GETTING THE VACCINE

You will need to wait **15 minutes** after you receive the vaccination to ensure you don't have a reaction.



MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND TESTING REMAIN NECESSARY

Similar to other vaccines, a number of people will need to be vaccinated before transmission drops enough to rollback masks and other restrictions.