

# What New Yorkers Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are available now for all New Yorkers age 16 and older.



## COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

Scientists built off decades of research for other vaccines when developing COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccines went through large clinical studies involving tens of thousands of people of different ages, races and ethnicities. These studies showed the vaccines are safe and very effective at protecting people from severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the vaccines for emergency use.



## You may experience some side effects.

Common side effects include soreness in the arm where you got the shot, headache, body aches, tiredness and fever. The vaccines **do not** contain the virus that causes COVID-19, **do not** change your DNA and **do not** give you COVID-19.



## Keep taking precautions.

We know the vaccines protect you, but we still need to learn more about how they impact spread of the virus. For now, even after getting vaccinated, continue to stay home if you are sick, maintain 6 feet of distance from others, wear a face covering properly and wash your hands often.



## COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no cost to you.

All New Yorkers 16 and older can get vaccinated at no cost. You **do not** need to have insurance or share your immigration status to be vaccinated.



## Find a site to get vaccinated.

Ask your health care provider and employer if they are offering vaccinations. Visit [nyc.gov/vaccinefinder](https://nyc.gov/vaccinefinder) to find out where you can get vaccinated or call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692) to make an appointment at a NYC site.



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