

We now have two vaccines to protect us from COVID-19

Here's what you need to know



- **Both vaccines are safe and effective.**
The vaccines—one from Pfizer and the other from Moderna—are 94-95% effective. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the vaccines for emergency use and found no serious safety concerns. Doctors and independent experts confirmed they meet high safety standards.
- **Both vaccines are free.**
The federal government will cover the cost of your vaccine.
- **You will need two doses.**
You will get two doses of vaccine, three to four weeks apart.
- **You may feel side effects.**
Like other routine vaccines, you may get a sore arm, fever, headaches, or tired after getting vaccinated. These are signs that the vaccine is working. You CANNOT catch COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- **People at highest risk get the vaccine first.**
Everyone will be able to get vaccinated when we have enough doses. The first doses are going to people at higher risk. Visit www.mass.gov/covid-19 vaccine to find out when you can get the vaccine.
- **Some people should not get the vaccine.**
You can get the vaccine even if you have had COVID-19. Children under 16 cannot receive a vaccine (the Pfizer vaccine is for ages 16 and up and Moderna for ages 18 and up). You should tell your vaccine provider if you have a fever, have a history of severe allergic reactions, have a bleeding disorder or take blood thinners, have immunity problems, or are pregnant.
- **Stay safe after the vaccine.**
After you get the vaccine, wear your mask, stay six feet apart, wash your hands often, and keep gatherings small for those who have not been vaccinated.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VACCINE AT:

Greater Lowell Health Alliance: greaterlowellhealthalliance.org/covid-19

Lowell Community Health Center: lchealth.org/patients/covid-19-updates

CDC: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html

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