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# **COVID-19 Vaccination Fact Sheet**

- COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19
  - o Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you.
- COVID-19 vaccination will be a safer way to help build protection
  - COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic
  - Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
  - Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19
  - None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States use the live virus that causes COVID-19.
  - o It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination.
- COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests
  - If your body develops an immune response, which is the goal of vaccination, there is a
    possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests indicating you had a previous
    infection.
- People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated
  - Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, people may be advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before.
- Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19
  - There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. If you get sick, you also may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you are sick.
- Receiving an mRNA vaccine will not alter your DNA
  - mRNA stands for messenger ribonucleic acid and can most easily be described as
    instructions for how to make a protein or even just a piece of a protein. mRNA is not
    able to alter or modify a person's genetic makeup (DNA).

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020)



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### **COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Links**

### **CDC** General Vaccine information

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html

8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/8-things.html

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html

Different COVID-19 Vaccines

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html

How CDC Is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations-process.html

Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html

Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccines Work

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness.html

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination

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

## Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Planning Checklist

https://odh.ohio.gov/static/covid19/vaccine-providers/covid-19-vaccine-pre-planning-checklist.pdf

## Ohio Pandemic Vaccine Provider Update

http://www.ohca.org/docs/documents/5963/OHIO PANDEMIC VACCINE PROVIDER UPDATE1562768037.pdf

Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA)

http://mhaadvocate.com/coronavirus#COVID19 Vaccine

## **CVS**

https://www.omnicare.com/covid-19-vaccine-resource

#### Walgreens

https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp

## AHCA

https://www.ahcancal.org/Survey-Regulatory-Legal/Emergency-

Preparedness/Documents/COVID19/AHCANCAL-Overview-Pharmacy-Partnership-LTC.pdf