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Common Questions About the COVID-19 Vaccines

Do they work?

All available COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19, including from the Delta variant.

Are they safe?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. And tens of millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.

Are there side effects?

You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus. Possible side effects include soreness or swelling at the injection site, fever, chills, fatigue, and headache. We've seen no trends of serious or long-term side effects.

Do I need to be vaccinated if I've had the virus already?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, particularly from new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19, you should be vaccinated even if you've had COVID-19.

