

# CRUSHING COVID-19 Facts About the Vax

## The Goal, Herd Immunity

When **enough individuals have protection**, there are less affected people in a community and the virus cannot continue to spread widely and infect others.

## Vaccine Safety

Because of this pandemic, the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to let individuals get a vaccine before all the trials are complete. **These vaccines still undergo very strict testing and safety is the top priority during all phases of development. A national vaccine safety surveillance program will continuously track vaccine safety for many years.** In this program, anyone can, but doctors must report possible side effects or health problems that occur after vaccination.

## How the Vaccine Works

Most vaccines require **2 doses for effective protection and reinforcement** from COVID-19. There are other vaccines in development that are only 1 dose.

## Side Effects

While **serious side effects are extremely rare**, there are some common vaccine side effects such as pain, redness, and swelling at the site of the shot and flu-like symptoms.

## Availability & Cost

The vaccine **will be offered to all who want it** as soon as more become available, at **no cost**. With different strands of COVID-19 emerging, the virus should still be affected by antibodies produced by the vaccine.

## Vaccine Benefits

**Protect you & others from COVID-19**, even those who have gotten the virus already.

## When Can I Get the Vaccine?

Due to limited supply, high risk populations have been prioritized to receive the vaccine first. **The vaccine will be more widely available to the public later in 2021.** Updated information will be added to the Milwaukee Health Department website when available.



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