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.