1. Am I eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

All Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Florida residents 12 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. (Currently only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for ages 12 and older. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for ages 18 and older.)

For the latest vaccine information for Maryland, text **MdReady** to 898-211, visit covidlink.maryland.gov or call 855-634-6829.

If you live in Washington, D.C., visit coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc or call 1-855-363-0333.

If you live in Florida, visit floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines or call 1-866-779-6121.

2. How can I decide if I should get a COVID-19 vaccine?

We encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect yourself, your family and your community. Learn all you can about the COVID-19 vaccine from reliable sources so you can make an informed decision.

3. Do I need a vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

Yes, you should be vaccinated even if you have already had COVID-19. Experts don't yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. It is possible — though rare — that you could be infected with the COVID-19 virus again.

4. Which COVID-19 vaccine should I get? Can I choose?

All three of the vaccines available in the United States — those made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson — are highly effective at preventing severe infection, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. We encourage everyone eligible to get any vaccine that's authorized for their age group at their chosen vaccination site.

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5. How do I make an appointment?

Maryland: 855-MDGOVAX (855-634-6829) or https://onestop.md.gov/govax

Washington, D.C.: 855-363-0333 or coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc

Florida: 866-779-6121 or floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines

6. Is there a cost to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

There is no cost to you to get the vaccine, whether or not you have health insurance.

7. What information do I provide when making an appointment?

Usually, the person's name, date of birth, street address, email address and telephone number are needed. Legitimate vaccine providers will <u>not</u> ask you for any form of payment or for financial information. You may be asked to verify your identity, such as by providing the last four digits of your Social Security number, but you should not provide your full Social Security number.

8. What should I expect when I get vaccinated?

The Pfizer vaccine is given as two shots in the upper arm muscle, three weeks apart. The Moderna vaccine is given as two shots in the upper arm muscle, four weeks apart. It takes about two weeks after the second shot for enough protection to kick in.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is one shot in the upper arm muscle. Most people will have a robust immune response 15 days after getting the shot.

Even after vaccination, you might be able to spread the coronavirus to others, so it's still very important to follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and your local health department.

9. Is it true that taking over-the-counter pain relievers <u>before</u> getting the COVID-19 vaccine makes it not work as well?

If you regularly take aspirin or other over-the-counter medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol is a brand name), ibuprofen (such as Motrin or Advil) or naproxen (such as Aleve), please continue to do so as directed by your physician.

Otherwise, it's not recommended to take over-the-counter medicines that reduce fever or inflammation, such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen, before receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you develop side effects <u>after</u> vaccination, then it's OK to take an over-the-counter medication to help you feel better.

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