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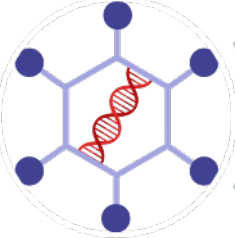
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COVID-19 Vaccine

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Understanding mRNA COVID-19 vaccine



mRNA vaccines take advantage of the process that cells use to make proteins in order to train our immune response and build immunity to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

In contrast, most vaccines use weakened or inactivated versions or components of the disease-causing pathogen to stimulate the body's immune response to create antibodies.

How safe are the mRNA vaccines?

- COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been rigorously tested for safety before being authorized for use in the United States.
- mRNA technology is new, but not unknown. They have been studied for more than a decade.
- mRNA vaccines do not contain a live virus and do not carry a risk of causing disease in the vaccinated person.
- mRNA from the vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell and does not affect or interact with a person's DNA.

What are the benefits of mRNA vaccine?

- Shorter manufacturing times, and potential for targeting of multiple diseases
- mRNA vaccines can be developed in a laboratory using a DNA template and readily available materials
- Process can be standardized and scaled up
- Making vaccine development faster than traditional methods

Who should get the vaccine?

- The Moderna vaccine is recommended for people aged 18 years and older

Who should not get the vaccine?

- severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) or an immediate allergic reaction—even if it was not severe—to any ingredient in an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine

Common side effects of the Moderna® COVID-19 Vaccine

In the arm where shot was given:

Pain

Swelling

Redness

Throughout the body

Chills

Tiredness

Headache

Scan for V-safe registration



mRNA Vaccines Are New, But Not Unknown

There are currently no licensed mRNA vaccines in the United States. However, researchers have been studying them for decades.



Get vaccinated.

Get your smartphone.

Get started with v-safe.

- Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second vaccine dose. vsafe.cdc.gov or scan QR code with smart phone

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