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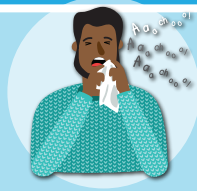
MYTH VS FACT

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KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES

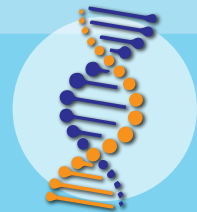
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MYTH:
COVID-19 vaccines can give you the virus.



FACT:
COVID-19 vaccines do not give you the virus and do not include the live virus. The vaccines provide critical information to cells in our bodies to help fight the virus and build resistance to it if you are exposed to COVID-19 in the future.

MYTH:
The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA.



FACT:
Vaccines do not affect or interact with your DNA.

MYTH:
I do not have to wear a mask or practice social distancing once I'm vaccinated.



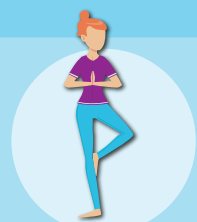
FACT:
The vaccine helps prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19, but it is not currently known if it prevents you from transmitting the virus to others. Stopping the pandemic requires using all the tools available like wearing a mask, washing your hands and social distancing.

MYTH:
I can't afford getting a vaccine for COVID-19.



FACT:
The COVID-19 vaccine is free for all residents, regardless of insurance coverage or citizenship status.

MYTH:
I'm young and healthy, I won't get sick from COVID-19.



FACT:
While COVID-19 disproportionately impacts minorities, senior citizens and individuals with underlying conditions, it can make you sick regardless of age, ethnicity/race or fitness level. The vaccine will help strengthen your body's ability to resist infection.

MYTH:
COVID-19 vaccines were rushed and are not safe.



FACT:
Vaccine safety standards were not compromised to expedite development and distribution. Robust clinical trials and safety reviews were conducted and show that the vaccines prevent infection, or serious illness from the virus, in up to 95% of vaccine trial recipients.

MYTH:
I cannot get the COVID-19 vaccine if I'm pregnant or breastfeeding.



FACT:
You are not excluded from getting the vaccine, but public health officials may request that you observe extra precautions after receiving the vaccine. You should consult a health care professional if you have questions.

MYTH:
I do not need to get vaccinated if I already had COVID-19.



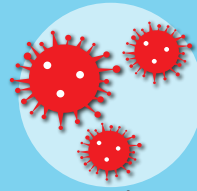
FACT:
Currently, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19, and re-infection is possible. We won't know how long immunity produced by vaccination lasts until we have more data on how well the vaccines work.

MYTH:
The government is tracking me through the vaccine.



FACT:
There are no tracking devices or microchips in the vaccines.

MYTH:
I will test positive for COVID-19 after receiving the vaccine.



FACT:
COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive for COVID-19.