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# ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

## Vaccine Myths and Misinformation:



### The COVID-19 Vaccine will "Give you COVID-19"

**The Truth:** The vaccine provides your body the information needed in order for it to be able to fight off the virus - it cannot infect you with COVID-19, and does not contain live virus.



### The COVID-19 Vaccine was rushed, is not safe, and is too "new"

**The Truth:** Only the funding was rushed by the federal government in order to make the vaccine available as quickly as possible. The science and research into coronavirus vaccines has been ongoing for over a decade. Appropriate studies were completed that show the vaccine is safe.



### People have died from the vaccine

**The Truth:** Serious side effects are extremely rare. Any deaths that have been reported were from individuals with *other extremely serious health issues* that were the primary cause of death and were incorrectly reported to be related to the vaccine. The short and long-term effects and associated risk of death from contracting COVID-19 on our elderly population are much worse than any potential side effects. *The overwhelming majority of people have little or very minor effects, mostly arm soreness.*



### The Vaccine is too expensive/ I don't have Insurance

**The Truth:** The vaccine is available at no cost to everyone. You will not be charged any out-of-pocket expenses, whether you have insurance or not.



### I have a weak immune system, so I don't want to get the vaccine

**The Truth:** Those with immune issues *should* get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible and should consult their doctor if worried about their condition and how the vaccine could affect them.



### I already had COVID-19, so now I am immune

**The Truth:** A positive COVID-19 test result does not necessarily indicate you are now immune. Current evidence suggests reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the first 90 days after infection. However, the immunity someone gains from having an infection ("natural immunity") varies from person to person. Researchers are working to learn more about how long immunity lasts.



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