

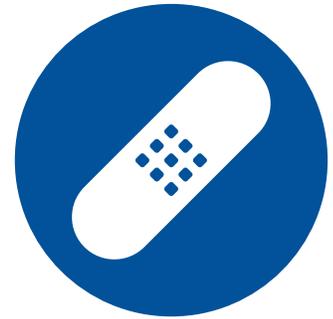
Fast facts about the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine



Safe and effective with a one-shot dose, the J&J vaccine offers 100% protection against hospitalization and death.

How the J&J COVID-19 Vaccine Works

The J&J vaccine (also called the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine) uses an inactivated cold virus to carry genetic material, which prompts your cells to create a harmless piece of the “spike protein” found on the surface of COVID-19. This helps the body build an immune response against the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. These types of vaccines have been around for years and are generally safe for large populations of people. But the J&J vaccine will not give you a cold. The virus has been inactivated so it won't make you sick.



One Dose or Two: Does It Matter?

From an effectiveness standpoint, it doesn't matter. The one-dose J&J has been shown to stimulate your immune system very effectively. But getting a one-dose vaccine has one obvious advantage: you don't have to worry about scheduling a second appointment. It's a great option for people anxious about needle pricks, too.

All Vaccines Have Similar Side Effects

The J&J vaccine may cause mild to moderate side effects that are also associated with other types of vaccines. They include redness, swelling and pain at the injection site, fever, fatigue, headache, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain and/or joint pain.

The J&J Vaccine Protects You from COVID-19

The clinical trials showed that J&J vaccine is effective (67%) against mild to moderate disease. More importantly, the J&J vaccine offers 100% protection against hospitalization and death.

The J&J Vaccine Is Safe

The clinical trial data show the J&J vaccine is safe for adults -- 18 and older -- and across different ethnic and racial groups. The J&J vaccine was tested in many people who identified as Hispanic/Latino and Black or African American. It was also tested in more people who were 60 years or older and in those who had conditions such as heart disease, obesity and diabetes. While the vaccine was shown to be less effective in people with chronic medical conditions, the vaccine still reduces the risk of getting severe COVID-19 in this at-risk population.

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Not Yet Available for Children

Children under age 18 were not included in the J&J trials and are not eligible for vaccination. Children 16 and older can receive the Pfizer vaccine. J&J is planning to study the vaccine in children younger than 18. Pfizer and Moderna studies in children are underway.

If You Are Pregnant or Breastfeeding, Talk to Your Doctor

People who were pregnant or breastfeeding were not included in any COVID-19 vaccine trials; however, pregnant and breastfeeding people can get the vaccines. We recommend you talk to your doctor. The vaccines offer you protection from COVID-19, which can be a serious concern for you and your child. We want you to make the choice that's best for you.

Don't Change Your Behavior Once You Are Vaccinated

No vaccine is 100% effective at preventing COVID-19. Even after being vaccinated, washing your hands, wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing will keep all of us safe and help end this pandemic.

