

# WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT



## BEFORE VACCINATION



- Check to see if you are **eligible** right now for the [COVID-19 vaccine in Colorado](#).

### Make a plan for when it's your turn.

- Plan for side effects. It may feel like you caught the flu and even get in the way of your daily activities. But side effects should go away in a few days.
- Plan to get your second dose **21 days (Pfizer) or 28 days (Moderna)** after your first dose. You don't need a second dose if you got Janssen.



- Learn more about the [different types of COVID-19 vaccines and how they work](#).
- Learn more about the [benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccination](#).
- Have more questions about the vaccine? [Get the facts here](#).

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU GET VACCINATED



- During your appointment, wear a mask and try to stay 6 feet away from others while inside and in lines.



- You might need to fill out and sign a vaccine screening form. This form helps your provider determine if there is any reason why you should not get the vaccine today. See an example pre-vaccination screening form: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



- Although you may be asked for it, you **do not need** to have a government-issued ID like a driver's license or passport to get the vaccine. You also are **not required** to provide a social security #, even if you are asked. It's ok to leave that field blank on your paperwork.



- The provider should give you a vaccination card or printout that tells you which vaccine product you received, and the date/location of your vaccination. If not, you should ask for one.



- You should receive a fact sheet that tells you more about the COVID-19 vaccine you are being offered. The fact sheet outlines the risks and benefits of receiving that specific vaccine. Find the fact sheets here: [FDA: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) | [FDA: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) | [FDA: Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)



15-30mins.

- Everyone who gets the vaccine should stay on-site for **15-30 minutes**. This extra waiting time is to make sure you do not have an immediate or severe allergic reaction to the vaccine. [Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and rare severe allergic reactions](#).

## AFTER VACCINATION



- If you get a COVID-19 vaccine and you think you might be having a severe allergic reaction after leaving the vaccination site, seek immediate medical care by calling 911.

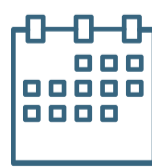


You may experience **some side effects** after getting the vaccine. In most cases, side effects like fever or pain in the arm of your shot are normal. Contact your doctor or health care provider:

- If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot gets worse after 24 hours.
- If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days.



- Ask your provider about getting started with v-safe. V-safe is a free tool for smartphone users. It uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you get vaccinated. V-safe also reminds you to get your second dose if you need one. Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).



- Remember, it takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines may not protect you until **two weeks** after your last shot.



- Learn more about [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#).



- With some COVID-19 vaccines, you will need two shots in order for them to work. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot.