

A campaign to increase vaccine confidence while reinforcing basic prevention measures



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User Guide for Nurses Toolkit

This material is intended for nurses and all organizations that communicate directly with nurses.

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Your Role as an Advocate for Nurses

As a trusted partner to nurses, you're in an important position to share crucial COVID-19 information, including increasing vaccine confidence. Nurses are on the front lines of this pandemic and are at high risk of exposure. They can potentially transmit COVID-19 to patients, including older adults and those with high-risk medical conditions, as well as their family and community.

You've built a rapport, so your members trust you and understand that you support their well-being.

Because of your affinity to nursing, you know how to reach and inspire them. You can increase their confidence in the vaccine by sharing clear, complete, and accurate messages about COVID-19 vaccines.



Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this toolkit is to reach nurses working in medical facilities to increase vaccine confidence, awareness, and education. The toolkit will help you connect specifically with nurses as a source of factual information about COVID-19 vaccines and their importance in slowing the spread to their colleagues, patients, and families. The toolkit will also give nurses the tools to act as advocates and influencers within their hospitals or facilities to increase vaccine confidence and encourage other nurses and health care workers to get vaccinated.

Tools and Resources

This toolkit features a combination of already existing materials from [CDC](#) as well as newly developed and culturally tailored materials developed by the [Health and Human Service COVID-19 public education campaign](#).

Within this toolkit you'll find:

- Fact sheets
- Posters
- Infographics
- Social media messages
- Talking points

We'll regularly update this toolkit, so please check back for new materials.

Fact Sheets

These fact sheets will teach nurses how to prepare for getting vaccinated and when and where they can get it.

Suggestions for use:

- Post them on your website.
- Mail them along with your direct mailings.
- Post them to an information center in your office if you have one.

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What to Expect

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Different Vaccines

Currently there are 3 different types of COVID-19 vaccines available. The two mRNA vaccines manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are given in two doses either 21 or 28 days apart, depending on which type you receive. The first dose gets your body ready. The second dose is given weeks later to make sure you have full protection. The third vaccine, a viral vector vaccine manufactured by Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), is one single dose. Both COVID-19 mRNA vaccines will need two shots to get the most protection. The timing between your first and second shot depends on which vaccine you received.

- The Pfizer-BioNTech second dose should be 3 weeks (or 21 days) after your first shot
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Protecting Yourself, Your Patients, and Your Family

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Posters

You can download, print, and forward these posters to kickstart conversations among your members and to keep getting the vaccination front of mind.

Suggestions for use:

- Ask nurses to place these posters in their clinics and facilities.
- Post the poster on your website for easy download.
- Create a call to action and encourage nurses to share on social media.

Common Questions About the COVID-19 Vaccines

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Do they work?
All FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19.

Are they safe?
COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. And tens of millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in U.S. history.

Are there side effects?
You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus. Possible side effects include soreness or swelling at the injection site, fever, chills, fatigue, and headache. We've seen no trends of serious or long-term side effects.

Do I need to be vaccinated if I've had the virus already?
Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, particularly from new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19, you should be vaccinated even if you've had COVID-19.

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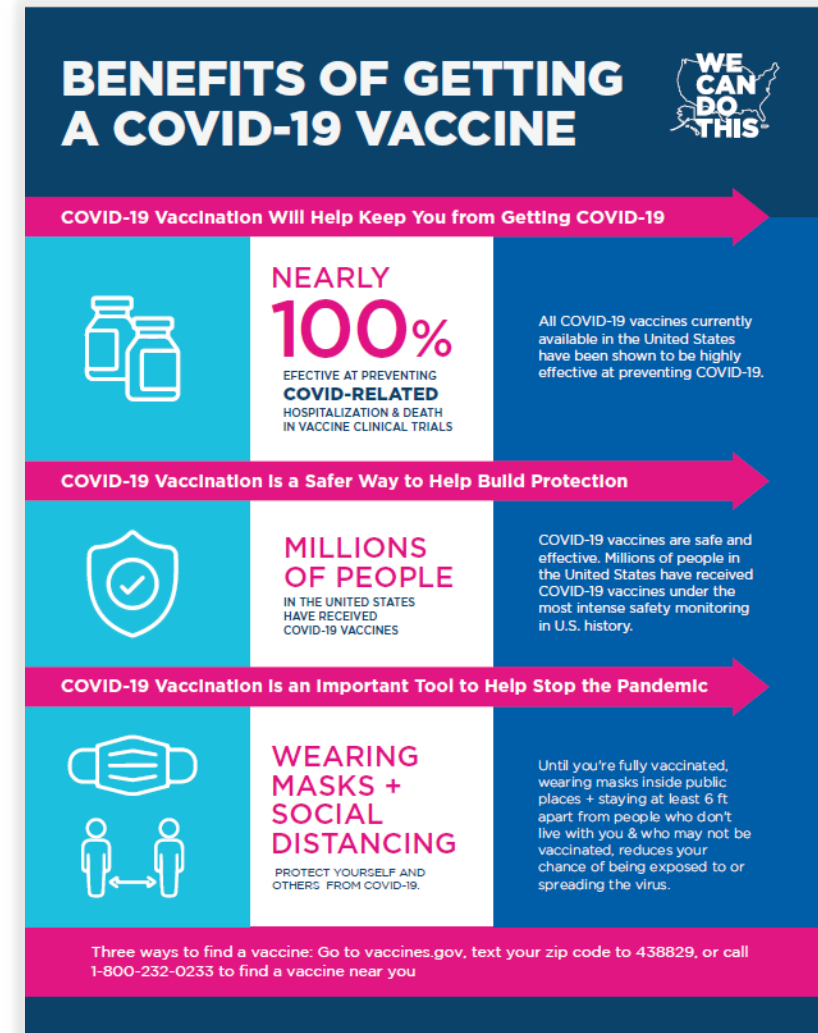
Infographics

Infographics are a great visual for sharing facts and dispelling myths.

Suggestions for use:

- Add them to your newsletters.
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Social Media Posts

Social Media is a great tool for sharing information frequently and fast. This toolkit has a variety of topics and photos to go along with them to share on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Suggested Use:

- Share these social media posts on your accounts.
- Ask questions under the post to encourage engagement.
- Ask your followers to share to their network.

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Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?	Yes	COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.
Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?	No	None of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.
After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?	No	The vaccines authorized in the United States cannot cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.
If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine?	Yes	There are severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, particularly from new forms (or variants) of the virus that causes COVID-19. You should get vaccinated even if you've already had the virus.

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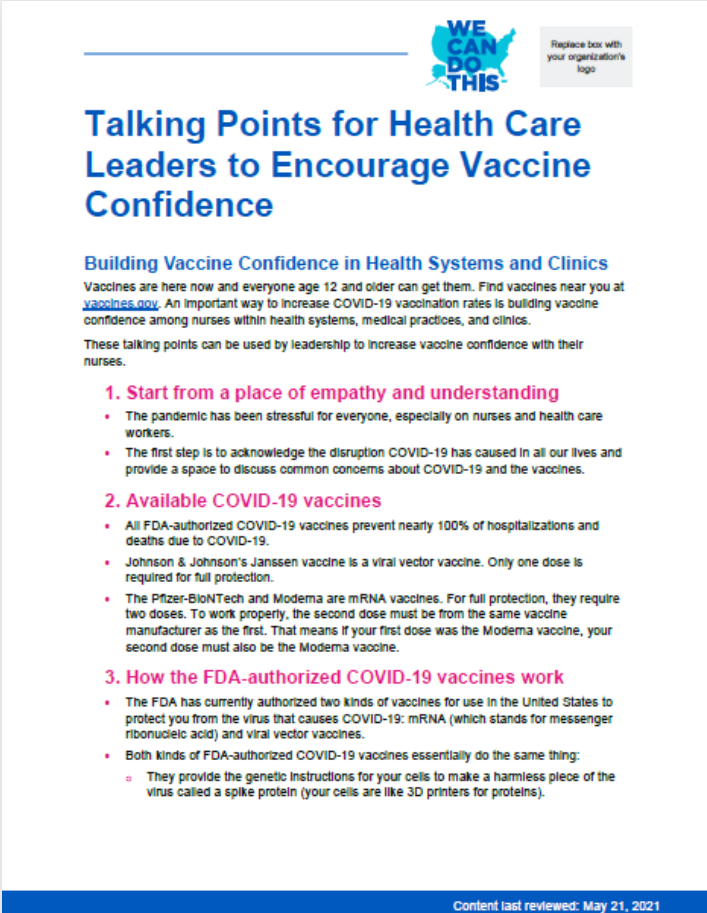
Talking Points

The talking points include facts and messages for organization leaders to use when talking with nurses about the vaccines.

Suggested use:

- Mail them along with your direct mailings to healthcare system and clinic leaders.
- Post them to an information center in your office if you have one.
- Have “Live” sessions on social media where you use these points to steer the conversation.
- Host a webinar and use these points in your presentation.
- Use these point to create your own social media posts and content.

Talking Points for Health Care Leaders to Encourage Vaccine Confidence



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For More Information

In addition to the resources shared here, take a look at CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#) for medical centers, pharmacies, and clinicians, which offers other materials such as fact sheets, posters, stickers, and social media examples you can share with your audience.



**Thank you, nurses
advocates and nurses.
Let's take COVID-19 down!**





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Both mRNA vaccines will need two shots to get the most protection. The timing between your first and second shot depends on which vaccine you received.

- The Pfizer-BioNTech second dose should be no earlier than 21 days after your first shot.
- The Moderna second dose should be no earlier than 28 days after your first shot.

You should get your second mRNA shot as close to the recommended interval as possible. You should not get the second dose earlier than the recommended interval.

Cost

There is no cost to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

After the Appointment

Potential side effects

Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. As a result, you may experience some side effects after getting the vaccine. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed.

Possible side effects include soreness or swelling at the site of the injection, fever, chills, fatigue, and headache, but they should go away in a few days. There have been no trends of serious or long-term side effects. It's important to remember that having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19.

It's very unlikely that a severe reaction will happen, but if it does, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Scheduling the second dose

If you need help scheduling your vaccine appointment for your second shot, contact the location that set up your appointment for assistance. For questions or if you are having trouble using vaccine scheduling systems, reach out to the organization that enrolled you in the system. This may be your state or local health department, employer, or vaccine provider.

Even after receiving both doses, continue to cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in indoor public places, stay at least 6 feet away from people who don't live with

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What if I Have More Questions?

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- The presence of these proteins in your body resembles an infection and triggers your immune system.
- In the process, your immune system learns how to recognize and attack the virus without ever being exposed to the real virus.
- Neither kind of FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine changes or interacts with your DNA in any way.

4. Side effects from the COVID-19 vaccines

- It's common to have mild side effects after getting vaccinated. It's especially common after the second dose of the mRNA vaccines.
- Possible side effects include:
 - Soreness or swelling at the injection site
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
- These side effects are signs that your immune system is doing exactly what it's supposed to do. It's working and building up protection against the virus.
- We've seen no trends of serious or long-term side effects. Side effects usually last a few days at most.

5. Safety

- COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same safety and effectiveness standards as all vaccines.
- The FDA and CDC are intensely monitoring the administration of vaccines to assure their safety.

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- Tens of millions of people have received COVID 19 vaccines in the United States. Many people have reported only mild side effects after vaccination. And there's no evidence that vaccination has contributed to any deaths.

6. Vaccine distribution

- The federal government supervises a centralized system to order, distribute, and track COVID-19 vaccines.
- The CDC orders all vaccines.
- Vaccination providers receive vaccines from CDC's centralized distributor or directly from a vaccine manufacturer.
- States and jurisdictions across the United States are using different Web-based applications for vaccination clinic management.

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- Vaccinated and unvaccinated people must still follow federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial laws, rules, and regulations. That includes public transportation, airport/airplane, local business, and workplace guidance.
- Also, if you have a medical condition or you take medicines that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected from COVID-19 even if you're fully vaccinated.

Talk to your health care provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking precautions.

9. Empowering your workforce

- Empower nurses by helping them to feel confident in their decision to get vaccinated and to recommend vaccination to their patients. This is the element that is most important for your discussion.
- Empowering Tactics:
 - Engage local and national professional associations, health systems, and health care personnel often and early to ensure a clear understanding of the vaccine development and approval process, new vaccine technologies, and the benefits of vaccination.
 - Ensure your practice(s) is equipped to create a culture that builds confidence in COVID-19 vaccination.
 - Strengthen the capacity of nurses to have empathetic vaccine conversations, address myths and common questions, provide tailored vaccine information to patients, and use motivational interviewing techniques when needed.

10. Five strategies for building COVID-19 vaccine confidence among health care personnel

- Encourage senior leaders to be vaccine champions.
- Host discussions where personnel at different levels can provide input and ask questions.
- Share key messages with staff through emails, break room posters, and other channels.
- Provide information and resources to health care teams about COVID-19 vaccines, how they've been developed and monitored for safety, and how teams can talk to others about the vaccines.
- Make the decision to get vaccinated visible and celebrate it.

11. Use the tools available

- There are several materials on the CDC website like toolkits that include posters, fact sheets, and social media content that you can use to increase vaccine confidence in your clinic or facility.
- For more information and to view the toolkits, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



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If you have more questions about the vaccine, the CDC has information that may cover many of the questions you have. CDC has information on:

- [The myths and facts about the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [The benefits of getting vaccinated](#)
- [What to expect at your vaccine appointment](#)

You can also visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/hcp.html> for the latest information on COVID-19 vaccines.

BENEFITS OF GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE



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COVID-RELATED
HOSPITALIZATION & DEATH
IN VACCINE CLINICAL TRIALS

All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination is a Safer Way to Help Build Protection

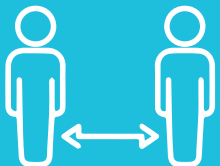


**MILLIONS
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IN THE UNITED STATES
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COVID-19 VACCINES

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COVID-19 Vaccination is an Important Tool to Help Stop the Pandemic



**WEARING
MASKS +
SOCIAL
DISTANCING**

PROTECT YOURSELF AND
OTHERS FROM COVID-19.

Until you're fully vaccinated, wearing masks inside public places + staying at least 6 ft apart from people who don't live with you & who may not be vaccinated, reduces your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus.

Three ways to find a vaccine: Go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your zip code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a vaccine near you



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Common Questions About the COVID-19 Vaccines

Do they work?

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Are they safe?

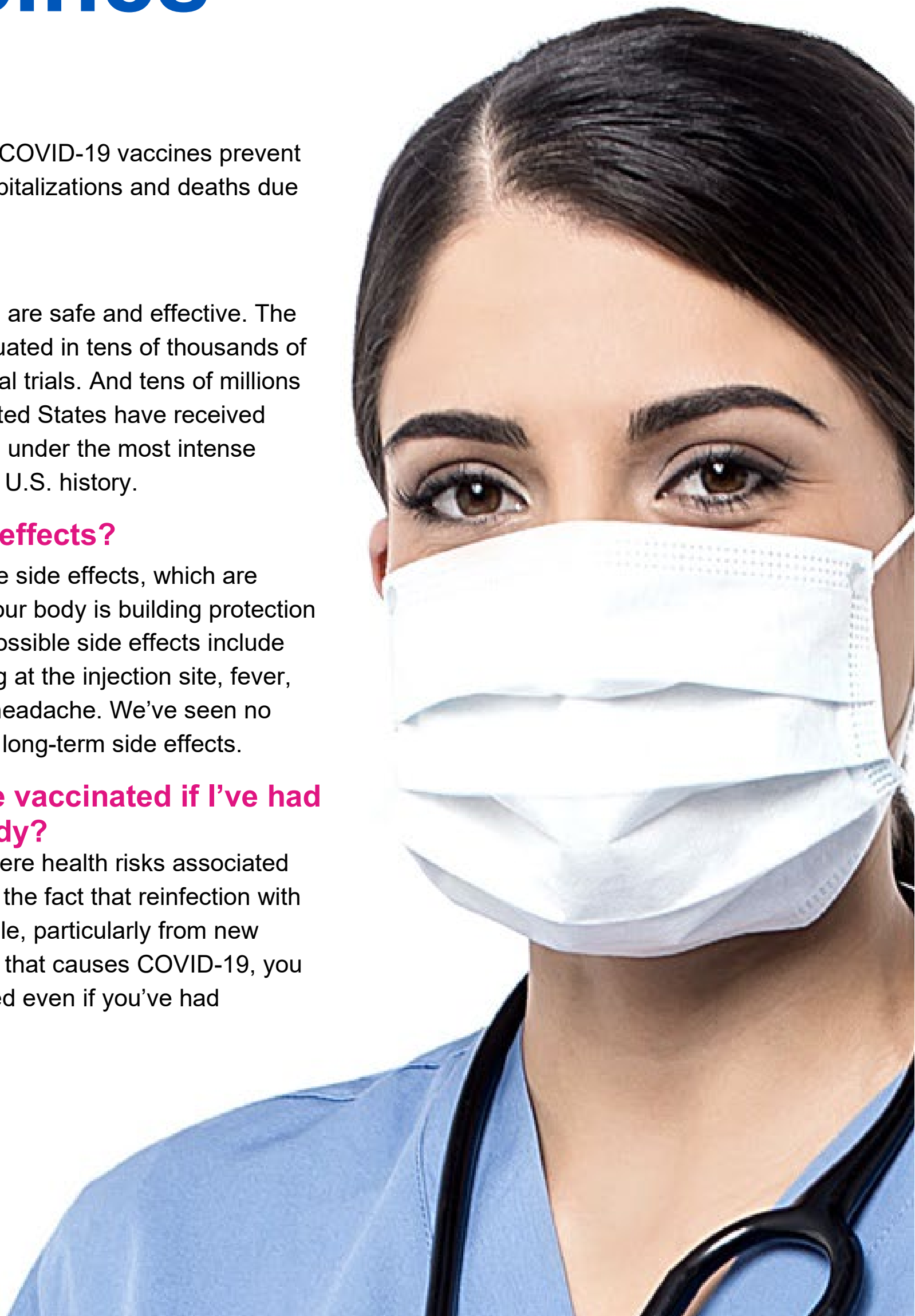
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Are there side effects?

You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection against the virus. Possible side effects include soreness or swelling at the injection site, fever, chills, fatigue, and headache. We've seen no trends of serious or long-term side effects.

Do I need to be vaccinated if I've had the virus already?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, particularly from new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19, you should be vaccinated even if you've had COVID-19.



COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINE



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A woman with short hair, wearing a white surgical mask, is shown from the chest up. The entire image has a blue color overlay. In the top left corner, there is a white outline of the United States map with the text 'WE CAN DO THIS' written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across it.

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FACTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINES



Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?

Yes

COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.

Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No

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After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

No

The vaccines authorized in the United States cannot cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.

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