

# Information about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that COVID-19 vaccines have been authorized for use in the United States, here is some important information about the vaccines, their safety, and when you will be eligible to receive a vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccination is free, regardless of your insurance or immigration status. It is possible to get COVID-19 again. So, even if you have already had COVID-19 or have COVID-19 antibodies you should still get the vaccine.

Clinical studies included people from all ethnic and racial groups, as well as individuals who have significant health issues. These studies have shown that the vaccines are safe. You cannot get COVID-19 from these vaccines. The studies show that the vaccines currently authorized for use are 94-95% effective against COVID-19.

To determine eligibility and schedule appointments with mass vaccination sites, please visit [am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov](https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov). New Yorkers can also call the New York State Vaccination Hotline at **1-833-NYS-4VAX (833.697.4829)** for more information, and check locally with providers and pharmacies. The New York State Department of Health's website [covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/what-you-need-know](https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/what-you-need-know) offers more information regarding vaccination. The WMCH Health Coronavirus Digital Resource Center includes these links and additional information about vaccination visit <https://covidinfo.wmchealth.org>.



**Before and after you receive a vaccine, remember:**

**Wear a mask**

**Stay 6 feet away from others**

**Wash your hands**

**Stay home if you are sick**

