



The COVID-19 Vaccine

* The Choice to Vaccinate and Personal Freedom

Vaccination is the key to more personal freedoms, restoring the economy, and ending the pandemic. You deserve the facts, the evidence, and the tools to help you stay safe when deciding to vaccinate.

Benefits of Vaccination:

Vaccination is the safest way to build immunity. COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you long term.

Even young, healthy people with mild cases can experience symptoms for months. Many who've had COVID-19 report long-term side effects that impact their daily life, including permanent lung damage and loss of taste.

You are far less likely to get COVID-19 if you are vaccinated. Although there is a chance that a vaccinated person could get the virus, most cases are in unvaccinated people. Recent studies have found that unvaccinated people who had a recent infection are still five times more likely to have COVID-19 than those who were fully vaccinated and did not have a prior infection.

No need to quarantine: A fully vaccinated person does not need to quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure if they don't have any symptoms. While they should be tested 5 to 7 days after exposure and continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days, vaccinated people are far less likely to have their work, school, or social life disrupted if they come into contact with someone who has the virus. Making the choice to vaccinate gives everyone more freedom to see friends and family, and to work, travel, and attend class with fewer restrictions.

Protection from severe COVID and long-term side effects.

Vaccinated people are highly protected from hospitalization and death. If you do get sick, your symptoms will be milder and you will be less likely to spread the virus than an unvaccinated person. Vaccination is the safest way to build immunity.

Compare COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in vaccinated and unvaccinated people in Wisconsin [here](#).

Protecting your family and friends from the virus. Vaccinated people are less likely to spread the virus, even if they get infected. This means being vaccinated can help protect your friends, family, and others around you. Some people can't get vaccinated due to certain health conditions. They rely on you to help prevent the spread of disease.

Choosing to vaccinate is like wearing a seatbelt. You never know if you'll get in a car accident, but you always wear one just in case. It's all about prevention and protection. Similarly, getting the vaccine provides you more protection than not getting it.

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