

# COVID-19 VACCINE FACT SHEET



**The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine** is an mRNA vaccine given intramuscularly in the upper arm. **This vaccine requires 2 shots at least 17 days apart.**

**The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** is an mRNA vaccine given intramuscularly in the upper arm. **This vaccine requires 2 shots at least 24 days apart.**

**The Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine** is an adenoviral vector vaccine given intramuscularly in the upper arm. **This vaccine requires 1 shot only.**

These Vaccines Do NOT contain Eggs, Latex or Preservatives.

## COMMON SIDE EFFECTS

**On the arm where you got the shot:**

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

**Throughout the rest of your body:**

- Fever
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Nausea



## Helpful tips

If you have pain or discomfort after the vaccine, talk to your doctor about taking an over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen. It is not recommended to take these medications before your immunization.

**To reduce pain and discomfort where you got the shot:**

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area.
- Use or exercise your arm.

**To reduce discomfort from fever:**

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Dress lightly.



## When to call the doctor

**In most cases, discomfort from fever or pain is normal. Contact your doctor or healthcare provider:**

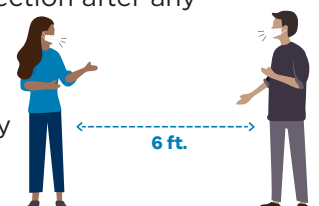
- If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot increases after 24 hours.
- If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days.



You can also call the the Denver Health NurseLine at 303-389-1211.

## Remember

**Side effects may feel like flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.** 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. It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. **COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until two weeks after your second shot.** It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.



## ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT GETTING STARTED WITH V-SAFE

Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll also get reminders if you need a second dose. Learn more about v-safe. [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe)