COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs

What is COVID-19?
COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a novel virus (SARS-CoV-2). It can range from mild to severe and is highly contagious. People with COVID-19 may have no symptoms or mild symptoms, but can still spread the virus to others.

How does COVID-19 spread?
COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets, direct contact, and possibly through the air for short periods. People are most contagious when they have symptoms or are asymptomatic.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?
Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, and sore throat. Some people may have no symptoms but can still spread the virus.

Who should get vaccinated?
Everyone 16 years of age or older who wants to get vaccinated should receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those who are fully vaccinated and those who are not.

How effective is the COVID-19 vaccine?
The COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While breakthrough cases can occur, they are rare and tend to be less severe than unvaccinated cases.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?
The COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective for the general population. Mild side effects are common, but they are not serious and typically resolve within days.

Can people who are allergic to certain ingredients in the vaccine get vaccinated?
Yes, people who are allergic to certain ingredients in the vaccine can still get vaccinated. However, it is important to discuss your medical history with your healthcare provider before getting the vaccine.

Where can I get vaccinated?
COVID-19 vaccines are available at many locations, including medical centers, pharmacies, and community health centers. You can find a vaccination site near you by checking with your local health department or by visiting the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine locator.

What are the benefits of getting vaccinated?
Getting vaccinated can protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19. It also helps protect the community by reducing the spread of the virus. Vaccination also allows for safer travel and activities.

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