Community Immunity & Comparing Vaccines

Modern & Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccine study participants by race & ethnicity, age groups, and binary gender

Will I be injected with the COVID-19 virus? No.
The vaccine cannot cause infection or make someone sick with COVID-19. While some vaccines are made from weakened or killed viruses, these vaccines do not contain either.

Will I have side effects from these vaccines? Possibly.
The most frequently reported side effects are mild headache, fatigue, fever, muscle aches, joint pain, injection site skin reddening, and injection site pain. These side effects are similar to the Flu vaccine and should go away within 2-5 days. If they do not, or are worse than expected, call a doctor or clinic right away.

Can I have either of these vaccines if I am under 18 years? No.
These vaccines are still being studied for safety in young people under 18 years.

Do I need to receive the same vaccine for the 2nd injection? Yes.
These vaccines consist of 2 injections about a month apart. The vaccine you receive for the 1st injection, must be followed with the SAME vaccine for the 2nd injection. The safety and effectiveness of switching vaccine types has not been studied.

Are these vaccines expensive? No.
These vaccines are completely FREE even if you do not have health insurance. Ask your doctor, clinic, or pharmacist about it.

Do I still follow the safety guidelines after I am vaccinated? Yes.
Vaccination does not guarantee that you will not pass the COVID-19 virus to your family and friends. Continue to wear a face covering, wash your hand regularly and social distance.

Information current as of January 27, 2021.
For more information on the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and its clinical trials, visit https://www.modernatx.com/cove-study
For more information on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and its clinical trial, visit https://www.pfizer.com/science/clinical-trials/trial-data-and-results