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Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No. None of the available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States contains the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine can't make you sick with COVID-19.

The different types of COVID-19 vaccines available do the same thing. They inform your immune system on how to recognize and fight the COVID-19 virus. Side effects from the vaccines, such as fever, are normal. They are a good sign that your body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. [Learn more](#) about how COVID-19 vaccines work.

Do I need to be vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine if I have had COVID-19 and recovered?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, the vaccine should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection.

After I'm fully vaccinated, do I need to continue to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart from people who don't live with me?

Yes. To protect yourself and others, follow these CDC recommendations:

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly against the sides of your face without gaps.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can and following CDC's recommendations for how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.

Additional information can be found at the at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/tribal/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>