

Family/Guardian COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions DRCO

"How do we know if COVID-19 vaccines are safe?"

- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Most side effects such as fever or flu symptoms go away within 1 week (usually less).
- Side effects are an indication of a good immune response-it means the vaccine is doing its job.

"Will the shot hurt, make me/my loved one sick or have any side effects?"

- Most side effects such as fever or flu symptoms go away within 1 week (usually less).
- Side effects are an indication of a good immune response-it means the vaccine is doing its job.
- Serious side effects are rare, and our doctors and nurses are always around to help if you/your loved one are worried and to monitor side effects.

"What about vaccine safety and long-term side effects, given it is new?"

- COVID-19 vaccines are being tested in large clinical trials to assess their safety and efficacy. However, it does take time and more people getting vaccinated before we learn about very rare or long-term side effects. That is why safety monitoring will continue.
- CDC has an independent group of experts that reviews all the safety data as they come in and provides regular safety updates.

"How many doses are needed and why?"

- Two shots are needed to provide the best protection against COVID-10 for both vaccines. The first shot primes the immune system, helping it recognize the virus, and the second shot strengthens the immune response.
- When you get 2 shots as prescribed the vaccine is 95% effective.
- Even if you have already had COVID-19 you should consider the vaccine to prevent future illness.

"Who will be administering the vaccine, and will it be at home or will my loved one have to go somewhere to get it?"

- Our trained medical/nursing staff will administer within our facilities and homes.

"Is there a consent that I will have to sign as a parent/guardian or my loved one will sign if they are self-guardian?"

- Yes, prior to any vaccine administration guardian consent is required.
- Your verbal consent is enough for us to get started but we will need written consent.

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“Who will be monitoring for side effects or adverse reactions?”

- Our trained medical/nursing staff will monitor for any side effects or reactions to the vaccine.

“Will DRCO staff working with my loved one be vaccinated?”

- Direct care staff will be offered the vaccine but it is not mandatory.

“Will all residents be vaccinated at the same time?”

- A vaccination schedule will be determined for residents to receive the vaccine. Residents will be in the first group to get the vaccine.

“How will I be notified when my loved one is vaccinated?”

- Guardians will be notified prior to and after residents receive each of the 2 doses/shots.

Resources

- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html>
- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/jaredpolis/>
- <https://stayathomeco.colorado.gov/>
- <https://www.addyourphone.com/>