

COVID-19 Vaccine

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where do I find up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccine?

For clinic/patient updates, call our COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at **(360) 912-6787**.

For general information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites:

- COVID-19 vaccine page (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html)
- Frequently Asked Questions (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html)

Who decides the order/phases of vaccination?

The CDC (federal government) and the WA State Dept of Health, *not* individual clinics/organizations. For more information, visit www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine.

How will I get the vaccine once I'm eligible?

We are working with the Clallam County Health Department to schedule COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Please call our COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at (360) 912-6787 or visit www.clallam.net for the latest scheduling updates.

How many doses are needed?

Two doses will be required of the **SAME** vaccine type.

- For Pfizer, a minimum of 21 days to receive the second shot.
- For Moderna, a minimum of 28 days to receive the second shot.

How much will the vaccine cost?

The vaccine itself will be free to all. There may be an administration fee.

Are they safe?

There have been no safety concerns seen in any trials so far. Monitoring for any concerns will be ongoing. Remember that "safe" does not mean "no side effects".

What are possible side effects of the vaccines?

- For the Pfizer vaccine, possible pain at injection site, fever, chills, fatigue.
- For the Moderna vaccine, possible pain at injection site, muscle aches, headaches.

Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccines?

No. None of the COVID-19 vaccines in development in the U.S. use live virus. Symptoms you may

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develop after getting vaccinated (fever, fatigue, etc.) are either due to your immune system getting ready to fight the virus, due to you getting some other virus around the same time, or due to you getting exposed to coronavirus before the vaccine had a chance to “kick in”.

Can these vaccines make my loved ones ill?

No. There is nothing in them that can get “transmitted” to anyone around you.

How long does the vaccine take to work?

At this time, it is thought to take about 2 weeks for the vaccine to begin protecting the individual vaccinated. The estimate is 50-70% efficacy after the first dose. Of course, the more people vaccinated, the safer we all are, due to what’s called “herd immunity”.

Will my family be eligible for vaccination when I am?

Possibly not. Family members may fall into different priority phases for when they qualify for the vaccine.

When can I stop wearing a mask and avoiding close contact with others after I’ve been vaccinated?

Public Health officials are not sure about this yet, but likely not until community vaccination rates are high enough to create herd immunity.

Do people who already had COVID-19 need to get vaccinated?

The current thinking is yes.