

Get the Facts

No steps were skipped to develop the COVID-19 vaccine.

The development of COVID-19 vaccines was made possible through historic cooperation between scientists, governments, and the private sector. The federal government created the Emergency Use Authorization approval process in 2004 specifically to ensure that vaccines were safe in case of an emergency like the pandemic.

Severe side effects are very rare.

The U.S. system to track vaccine side effects is very robust. Millions of vaccinations have been safely administered in the U.S. Severe side effects are rare and are reported in a timely manner.

It is much more likely that you will become severely ill from COVID-19 if you are not vaccinated.

The vaccines do not change your DNA.

COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines deliver instructions to your cells to start building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. However, the vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where DNA is kept. Once the vaccines deliver these instructions, the vaccine components leave your body.



COVID-19 Vaccines Protect You & Your Family

Ready to get vaccinated?

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in Hawai'i. If you need help finding a vaccine:

Visit HawaiiCOVID19.com/Vaccine

Call (808) 586-8332 or
toll free at (833) 711-0645
Translators are available

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Hawai'i State
Department of Health*



Vaccines are like shields to protect you against illness.

Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed.

They reduce the likelihood that you will get infected if exposed to COVID-19 and reduce the likelihood that you will get severely ill or die if infected with COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccines have been granted Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. They have been evaluated and approved by independent scientists and healthcare professionals.

All the vaccines being administered have gone through the same process and safety tests. They meet the same safety standards as previous vaccines. All approved vaccines were tested in tens of thousands of adults from diverse backgrounds. Hundreds of millions of vaccinations have been safely administered in the United States.

Three COVID-19 vaccines are currently available in the United States. They are the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Each brand of vaccine is slightly different, but they are all safe and work well.

You currently need 2 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. You only need one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Who Can Get Vaccinated?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is currently approved for people 12 and older. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently approved for people 18 and older. These vaccines are being studied for use in younger age groups. Minors will need a parent or guardian's permission to get vaccinated.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you can get vaccinated. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccination cause problems with pregnancy.

In addition, there is no evidence that female or male fertility problems are a side effect of any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines.

What to expect...

Before Vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccine is FREE. You do not need to have health insurance to be vaccinated.

You should bring your insurance card if you have one, but it's not required and you will not be charged if you don't have insurance.

A Social Security number or government ID are NOT required.

During Vaccination

Once on site you'll be asked to complete a screening checklist.

You will also receive a card documenting your vaccination. It's important to keep this card for your records.

You'll be asked to wait on-site for 15-30 minutes to monitor for an allergic reaction. Allergic reactions are very rare.

After Vaccination

You may experience side effects after your vaccination. Common side effects include sore arm, fever, and tiredness within 72 hours after receiving the vaccine.

These side effects usually mean that the vaccine is working to generate an immune response.

You will be considered fully vaccinated 14 days after your last dose. Scientists are studying how long this immunity will last.



"I did my part and you should do yours. Get your vaccine today!"

Rachel Kane
Oahu Resident