

# WHY DO I NEED TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE

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## Prevents Serious Illnesses

Scientists have developed COVID-19 vaccines that are up to 95% effective in preventing infection and/or serious illness from the virus. Vaccines help our body's immune system do its job better and faster. Your immune system is your body's system for fighting infection.

## Works with your Immune System

Vaccines help cells in your immune system recognize the virus. Our cells use that information to make antibodies, which are the weapons needed to fight the virus and help protect you if you are exposed to the virus in the future.



## Protects Those Around You

Getting vaccinated yourself will also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. When enough people are vaccinated against a virus, the germ that makes you sick, the virus can't travel as easily from person to person. Then all individuals in the community are less likely to become infected with the virus.



## Use Your Tools

Stopping this pandemic requires using all the tools available.

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands often
- Get vaccinated
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others and limit gatherings to people you live with



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