



COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHS VS. FACTS



Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine significantly reduces your risk of getting or transmitting the virus to others. If you would like a vaccine, please call **315-366-2770** to book an appointment. Vaccines are available at pharmacies, or at local health department and state-run clinic sites. Madison County Health Department has multiple locations across the county. Second dose appointments will be booked at your first dose appointment. Vaccines are **Free**.

MYTH #1: *The COVID-19 vaccine isn't safe.*

FACT: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson have gone through rigorous clinical trials to make sure they are safe and have been reviewed and approved for emergency use by the FDA and NYS.



MYTH #2: *The vaccine will give me COVID-19.*

FACT: The 3 approved vaccines cannot make you sick with COVID-19. The vaccine teaches our immune system to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Symptoms after receiving the vaccine are normal and show that your body is building protection.

MYTH #3: *The vaccine will cause fertility problems in the future.*

FACT: Currently, there is no evidence that the COVID vaccines causes problems with pregnancy or fertility. If you are trying to become pregnant or want to get pregnant in the future, you can still get the vaccine. Call MotherToBaby at 866-626-6847 and consult with your doctor for more information.

MYTH #4: *I am allergic to eggs so I should not get the vaccine.*

FACT: Some vaccines, such as the flu vaccine, may be egg-based. However, the 3 approved COVID-19 vaccines do not contain eggs. If you have a severe allergic reaction to any substance, it is encouraged to stay a full 30 minutes after your vaccination for observation.

MYTH #5: *I've already had COVID-19 and do not need the vaccine.*

FACT: Reinfection with COVID-19 is possible. You should get vaccinated regardless of whether or not you've had COVID-19. It is not fully understood if or how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. This natural immunity varies person to person and vaccination is encouraged regardless.

MYTH #6: *Survival rate of COVID-19 is high, I don't need the vaccine.*

FACT: COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to helping us end the pandemic. Although many have been able to recover from COVID-19, there are still severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and many unknown long-term effects.

MYTH #7: *Once I get the vaccine, I do not need to take precautions.*

FACT: It typically takes 2 weeks after you are fully vaccinated to build protection against the virus. While the vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick, it is not yet clear whether these vaccines will protect against the spread of COVID-19. You should still wear a mask, watch your distance in public spaces and wash your hands to protect others.

