COVID-19 MODERNA VACCINE

FACT SHEET

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is an mRNA vaccine given intramuscularly (IM) in the upper arm.

This vaccine requires 2 shots one month (28 days) apart.

Does NOT contain Eggs, Latex, or Preservatives.

Helpful tips

If you have pain or discomfort after the vaccine, talk to your doctor about taking an over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen. It is not recommended to take these medications before your immunization.

To reduce pain and discomfort where you got the shot:
• Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area
• Use or exercise your arm

To reduce discomfort from fever:
• Drink plenty of fluids
• Dress lightly

When to call the doctor

In most cases, discomfort from fever or pain is normal. Contact your doctor or healthcare provider:
• If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot increases after 24 hours
• If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

Remember

Side effects may feel like flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot. It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until two weeks after your second shot. It’s important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT GETTING STARTED WITH V-SAFE

Use your smartphone to tell CDC about any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You’ll also get reminders if you need a second dose. Learn more about v-safe. www.cdc.gov/vsafe