# STAY STRONG LOUISVILLE



#### DO I STILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCE AFTER RECEIVING THE VACCINE?

Yes. We need to use every tool we have to ensure that we and the people we love stay safe. We're working to ensure all of our residents can be vaccinated as quickly as possible, but until we're there we still need to help keep each other safe by maintaining at least 6 feet of social distance and wearing masks around others.

## WHEN WILL IT BE MY TURN TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

Because the supply of COVID-19 vaccine in the United States is currently limited, CDC is providing recommendations to federal, state, and local governments about who should be vaccinated first. Please visit the online Louisville Covid 19 Resource Center for more information on the tier groups for Jefferson County.

## ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE AND EFFECTIVE?

Yes. Two vaccines that have been approved for use by the FDA after extensive clinical trials involving many thousands of participants, including from racial and ethnic minorities. Both federally approved vaccines were shown to be between 94% and 95% effective. This process was designed carefully and with very strict standards to keep us all safe.

# HOW MANY DOSES OF THE VACCINE IS REQUIRED?

The currently authorized vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in the United States require 2 shots to get the most protection.

- Pfizer-BioNTech doses should be given 3 weeks (21 days) apart.
- Moderna doses should be given 1 month (28 days) apart.

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### YOU CANNOT GET THE VACCINE IF...

- You are currently COVID-19 Positive
- Experiencing symptoms of COVID-19
- Have received another vaccine: Please wait 14 days before getting any other vaccine, including a flu or shingles vaccine, if you get your COVID-19 vaccine first,. And if you get another vaccine first, wait at least 14 days before getting your COVID-19 vaccine.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? WHAT IF MY INSURANCE DOESN'T COVER IT?

COIVD-19 vaccines are free—the US Federal Government is purchasing vaccines on behalf of the American people. If you have insurance, it will cover any costs the providers charge for administering the vaccine; if you don't, the government will pay these.

## SHOULD I EXPECT SIDE EFFECTS FROM VACCINE SHOTS?

Some patients experience mild soreness at the injection site. There have also been reports of fevers and achiness after being vaccinated. Serious problems from vaccination can happen, but they are rare.

If you get a COVID-19 vaccine and you think you might be having a severe allergic reaction after leaving the vaccination site, seek immediate medical care by calling 911.