



Alabama Department of Public Health COVID -19 Vaccine Administration Form PATIENT INFORMATION

Form with fields: Last Name, First Name, M.I., Gender, Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Age, Race, Ethnicity, Street Address, Phone, City, County, State, Zip, Do you have a disability?

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION FOR DEPENDENTS

Form with fields: Last Name, First Name, Relationship to Patient, Street Address if Different, City, State, Zip, Phone, Emergency Contact

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Form with fields: Insurance Provider, Group Number, Effective Date of Policy, Insurance Policy Number, Card Subscriber Name, Subscriber Date of Birth, Relationship to Patient

I have read the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet or the VIS about the COVID vaccine. I understand the benefits and risks of the COVID -19 vaccine. I give permission for the above named patient to receive the vaccine indicated. I authorize billing insurance for the vaccine administration fee for the vaccine provided. I have also received notice of my privacy rights, and I have been given or offered a copy of the Alabama Department of Public Health "Notice of Privacy Practices." I understand this information is available upon request, as well as available for review at the time of vaccination. Signature or person to receive the vaccine or authorized representative or Legal Guardian: For children 18 years and younger a parent or legal guardian must sign this consent. X _____ DATE _____

(FOR CLINIC USE ONLY)

Form with fields: Date Vaccine and EUA/VIS Given, Type and Date of VIS or EUA Fact Sheet, Clinical Site, County Code, NCES #, vaccine: Pfizer 1st dose Admin Code 0071A, Pfizer 2nd dose Admin Code 0072A, CPT code 91307, Site Location, Manufacturer Pfizer, Lot Number, NDC # 59267-1000-01, Site of Injection LA RA RT LT, Route IM, Nurse Signature, Date

Prevaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines



For vaccine recipients:

The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason you should not get the COVID-19 vaccine today. **If you answer “yes” to any question, it does not necessarily mean you should not be vaccinated.** It just means additional questions may be asked. If a question is not clear, please ask your healthcare provider to explain it.

Name _____

Age _____

	Yes	No	Don't know
1. Are you feeling sick today?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you ever received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, which vaccine product did you receive? <input type="checkbox"/> Pfizer-BioNTech <input type="checkbox"/> Moderna <input type="checkbox"/> Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) <input type="checkbox"/> Another Product _____ Have you received a complete COVID-19 vaccine series (i.e., 1 dose Janssen or 2 doses of an mRNA vaccine [Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna])? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Did you bring your vaccination record card or other documentation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you ever had an allergic reaction to: <i>(This would include a severe allergic reaction [e.g., anaphylaxis] that required treatment with epinephrine or EpiPen® or that caused you to go to the hospital. It would also include an allergic reaction that caused hives, swelling, or respiratory distress, including wheezing.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A component of a COVID-19 vaccine, including either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyethylene glycol (PEG), which is found in some medications, such as laxatives and preparations for colonoscopy procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know Polysorbate, which is found in some vaccines, film coated tablets, and intravenous steroids <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know A previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you ever had an allergic reaction to another vaccine (other than COVID-19 vaccine) or an injectable medication? <i>(This would include a severe allergic reaction [e.g., anaphylaxis] that required treatment with epinephrine or EpiPen® or that caused you to go to the hospital. It would also include an allergic reaction that caused hives, swelling, or respiratory distress, including wheezing.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Check all that apply to you:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Am a female between ages 18 and 49 years old			
<input type="checkbox"/> Am a male between ages 12 and 29 years old			
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a history of myocarditis or pericarditis			
<input type="checkbox"/> Had a severe allergic reaction to something other than a vaccine or injectable therapy such as food, pet, venom, environmental or oral medication allergies			
<input type="checkbox"/> Had COVID-19 and was treated with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent serum			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosed with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C or MIS-A) after a COVID-19 infection			
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a bleeding disorder			
<input type="checkbox"/> Take a blood thinner			
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a weakened immune system (i.e., HIV infection, cancer) or take immunosuppressive drugs or therapies			
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Am currently pregnant or breastfeeding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Have received dermal fillers			
<input type="checkbox"/> History of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)			

Form reviewed by _____

Date _____

**VACCINE INFORMATION FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS
ABOUT THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR USE IN INDIVIDUALS
5 THROUGH 11 YEARS OF AGE**

FOR 5 THROUGH 11 YEARS OF AGE

Your child is being offered the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2.

This Vaccine Information Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers comprises the Fact Sheet for the authorized Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for use in individuals 5 through 11 years of age.¹

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has received EUA from FDA to provide a two-dose primary series to individuals 5 through 11 years of age.

This Vaccine Information Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which your child may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19. Talk to your child's vaccination provider if you have questions.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please see www.cvdvaccine.com.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR CHILD GETS THIS VACCINE

WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 disease is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness leading to death. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

For more information on EUA, see the **"What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?"** section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

¹ You may receive this Vaccine Information Fact Sheet even if your child is 12 years old. Children who will turn from 11 years to 12 years of age between their first and second dose in the primary regimen may receive, for either dose, either: (1) the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine formulation authorized for use in individuals 5 through 11 years of age; or (2) COMIRNATY or one of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine formulations authorized for use in individuals 12 years of age and older.

WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOUR CHILD GETS THE VACCINE?

Tell the vaccination provider about all of your child's medical conditions, including if your child:

- has any allergies
- has had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- has a fever
- has a bleeding disorder or is on a blood thinner
- is immunocompromised or is on a medicine that affects your child's immune system
- is pregnant
- is breastfeeding
- has received another COVID-19 vaccine
- has ever fainted in association with an injection

HOW IS THE VACCINE GIVEN?

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to your child as an injection into the muscle.

The vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 3 weeks apart.

The vaccine may not protect everyone.

WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE VACCINE?

Your child should not get the vaccine if your child:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine.

WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE VACCINE?

The vaccine includes the following ingredients: mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, and cholesterol), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, sucrose, and sodium chloride.

HAS THE VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?

Millions of individuals 12 years of age and older have received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine under EUA since December 11, 2020. In a clinical trial, approximately 3,100 individuals 5 through 11 years of age have received at least 1 dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. In other clinical trials, approximately 23,000 individuals 12 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the vaccine. The vaccine that is authorized for use in children 5 through 11 years of age includes the same mRNA and lipids but different inactive ingredients compared to the vaccine that has been used under EUA in individuals 12 years of age and older and that has been studied in clinical trials. The use of the different inactive ingredients helps stabilize the vaccine under refrigerated temperatures and the formulation can be readily prepared to deliver appropriate doses to the 5 through 11 year-old population.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE VACCINE?

The vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19.

The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE VACCINE?

There is a remote chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the vaccine. For this reason, your child's vaccination provider may ask your child to stay at the place where your child received the vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over the body
- Dizziness and weakness

Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) have occurred in some people who have received the vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within a few days following receipt of the second dose of vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if your child has any of the following symptoms after receiving the vaccine:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart

Side effects that have been reported with the vaccine include:

- severe allergic reactions
- non-severe allergic reactions such as rash, itching, hives, or swelling of the face
- myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
- pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- injection site pain
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain

- chills
- joint pain
- fever
- injection site swelling
- injection site redness
- nausea
- feeling unwell
- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)
- decreased appetite
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- arm pain
- fainting in association with injection of the vaccine

These may not be all the possible side effects of the vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. The possible side effects of the vaccine are still being studied in clinical trials.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

If your child experiences a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

Call the vaccination provider or your child’s healthcare provider if your child has any side effects that bother your child or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include “Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

Website	Fax number	Telephone number
www.pfizersafetyreporting.com	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

You may also be given an option to enroll in v-safe. V-safe is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: www.cdc.gov/vsafe.

WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO HAVE MY CHILD GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

Under the EUA, there is an option to accept or refuse receiving the vaccine. Should you decide for your child not to receive it, it will not change your child’s standard medical care.

ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?

For children 5 through 11 years of age, there are no other COVID-19 vaccines available under Emergency Use Authorization and there are no approved COVID-19 vaccines.

CAN MY CHILD RECEIVE THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER VACCINES?

Data have not yet been submitted to FDA on administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine at the same time with other vaccines. If you are considering to have your child receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines, discuss the options with your child’s healthcare provider.

WHAT ABOUT PREGNANCY OR BREASTFEEDING?

If your child is pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss the options with your healthcare provider.

WILL THE VACCINE GIVE MY CHILD COVID-19?

No. The vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give your child COVID-19.


KEEP YOUR CHILD’S VACCINATION CARD

When your child gets the first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show when to return for your child’s next dose(s) of the vaccine. Remember to bring the card when your child returns.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

Global website	Telephone number
<p data-bbox="332 1486 625 1522">www.cvdvaccine.com</p> 	<p data-bbox="938 1564 1193 1633">1-877-829-2619 (1-877-VAX-CO19)</p>

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD'S VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?

The vaccination provider may include your child's vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. This will ensure that your child receives the same vaccine when your child returns for the second dose. For more information about IISs visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>.

CAN I BE CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

No. At this time, the provider cannot charge you for a vaccine dose and you cannot be charged an out-of-pocket vaccine administration fee or any other fee if only receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Health Resources & Services Administration [HRSA] COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured recipients).

WHERE CAN I REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD?

Individuals becoming aware of any potential violations of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements are encouraged to report them to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or <https://TIPS.HHS.GOV>.

WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit www.hrsa.gov/cicp/ or call 1-855-266-2427.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?

An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is a mechanism to facilitate the availability and use of medical products, including vaccines, during public health emergencies, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. An EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based

on the totality of scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used in the treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will end when the Secretary of HHS determines that the circumstances justifying the EUA no longer exist or when there is a change in the approval status of the product such that an EUA is no longer needed.



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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

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YOUR RIGHTS

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. You have the right to:

- **Get a copy of your paper or electronic medical record**
You can ask to see or get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this. We will provide a copy or a summary of your health information, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable cost-based fee.
- **Ask us to correct your medical record**
You can ask us to correct health information about you that you think is incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
- **Request confidential communication**
You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address. We will say "yes" to all reasonable requests.
- **Ask us to limit the information we use or share**
You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations. We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care. If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer. We will say "yes" unless a law requires us to share that information.
- **Get a list of those with whom we've shared your information**
You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why. We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.
- **Get a copy of this privacy notice**
You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.
- **Choose someone to act for you**
If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information. We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.
- **File a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated**
If you have a question or wish to file a complaint related to your health care information, please contact our Privacy Officer at 334-206-5209, by email at privacyofficer@adph.state.al.us or at the address at the top of the page. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may leave a message at 334-834-7659. You may also file a written complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights at 200 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20201, by phone at 1-877-696-6775 or by visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

YOUR CHOICES

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us how to:

- Share your information with your family, close friends, or others involved in your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation
- Include your information in a hospital directory
- We may contact you for fundraising efforts, but you can tell us not to contact you again

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases we never share your information unless you give us written permission:

- Marketing purposes
- Most sharing of psychotherapy notes
- Sale of your information

Our Responsibilities

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.

- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html

Changes to the Terms of this Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, in our offices, and on our website.

August 1, 2021

This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to the county health departments. The Jefferson County Health Department and the Mobile County Health Department each has its own Notice of Privacy Practices.

OUR USES & DISCLOSURES

How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

We may use and share your information as we:

- **Treat you** We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you. Example: A doctor treating you for an injury asks another treating doctor about your overall health condition.
- **Run our organization** We can use and share your health information to run our practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary. Example: We use health information about you to manage your treatment and services.
- **Bill for your services** We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities. Example: We give information about you to your health insurance plan so it will pay for your services.

How else can we use or share your health information?

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways - usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

• **Help with public health and safety issues**

- We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:
- Preventing disease
 - Helping with product recalls
 - Reporting adverse reactions to medications
 - Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
 - Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety
 - Do research. We can use or share your information for health research.

• **Comply with the law** We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

• **Respond to organ and tissue donation requests**

We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.

• **Work with a medical examiner or funeral director**

We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

• **Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests**

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

• **Respond to lawsuits and legal actions**

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

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Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), is a national program managed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to monitor the safety of all vaccines licensed in the United States. VAERS collects and reviews reports of adverse events that occur after vaccination. An “adverse event” is any health problem or “side effect” that happens after a vaccination. VAERS cannot determine if a vaccine caused an adverse event, but can determine if further investigation is needed.

VAERS provides valuable information

VAERS is an early-warning system that detects problems possibly related to vaccines. The system relies on reports from healthcare providers*, vaccine manufacturers, and the general public. Reporting gives CDC and FDA important information to identify health concerns and ensure vaccines are safe in order to protect the public’s health.

VAERS staff evaluate reports of adverse events

VAERS defines a “serious adverse event” as life-threatening illness, hospitalization, prolongation of an existing hospitalization, permanent disability or death. Once adverse events are identified using VAERS, they may be monitored in other immunization safety systems to confirm if a particular adverse event is related to a vaccination and identify any specific risk factors.

Anyone can report to VAERS

Anyone can submit a report to VAERS, including patients, family members, healthcare providers, vaccine manufacturers and the general public. CDC and FDA encourage anyone who experiences an adverse event after receiving a vaccine to report to VAERS.

How to report to VAERS

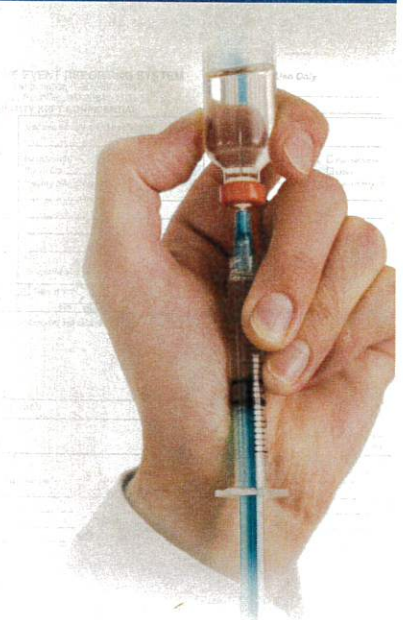
You can report to VAERS online at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/index>.

For further assistance reporting to VAERS, visit <https://vaers.hhs.gov/index> or contact VAERS directly at info@VAERS.org or 1-800-822-7967.

VAERS data are available to the public

VAERS data can be downloaded at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/data/index> or searched at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html>. Privacy is protected and personal identifying information (such as name, date of birth and address) is removed from the public data.

*Healthcare providers are encouraged to report all clinically significant adverse events after vaccination to VAERS even if it is uncertain whether the vaccine caused the event. They are also required to report to VAERS adverse events found in the Reportable Events Table (RET) at https://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/VAERS_Table_of_Reportable_Events_Following_Vaccination.pdf



**For more information
about VAERS:**

E-mail: info@vaers.org

Phone: 1-800-822-7967

Web site: www.vaers.hhs.gov





Get vaccinated. Get your smartphone. Get started with v-safe.

What is v-safe?

v-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you. And **v-safe** will remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

Your participation in CDC's **v-safe** makes a difference — it helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe.

How can I participate?

Once you get a COVID-19 vaccine, you can enroll in **v-safe** using your smartphone. Participation is voluntary and you can opt out at any time. You will receive text messages from **v-safe** around 2pm local time. To opt out, simply text "STOP" when **v-safe** sends you a text message. You can also start **v-safe** again by texting "START."

How long do v-safe check-ins last?

During the first week after you get your vaccine, **v-safe** will send you a text message each day to ask how you are doing. Then you will get check-in messages once a week for up to 5 weeks. The questions **v-safe** asks should take less than 5 minutes to answer. If you need a second dose of vaccine, **v-safe** will provide a new 6-week check-in process so you can share your second-dose vaccine experience as well. You'll also receive check-ins 3, 6, and 12 months after your final dose of vaccine.

Is my health information safe?

Yes. Your personal information in **v-safe** is protected so that it stays confidential and private.*



v-safeSM
after vaccination
health checker

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 vaccine dose.



Sign up with your smartphone's browser at vsafe.cdc.gov

OR

Aim your smartphone's camera at this code



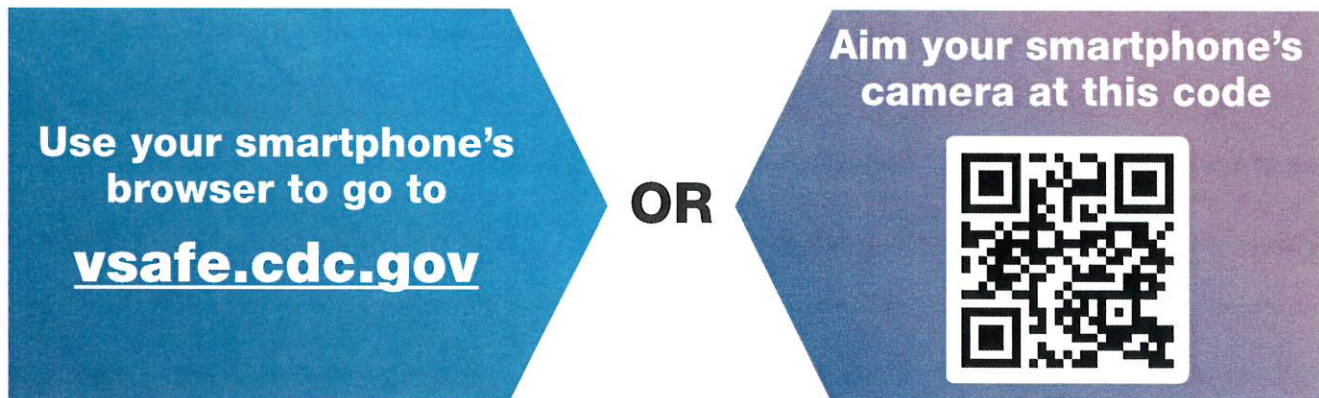
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How to register and use v-safe

You will need your smartphone and information about the COVID-19 vaccine you received. This information can be found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider.

Register

1. Go to the **v-safe** website using one of the two options below:



2. Read the instructions. Click **Get Started**.
3. Enter your name, mobile number, and other requested information. Click **Register**.
4. You will receive a text message with a verification code on your smartphone. Enter the code in **v-safe** and click **Verify**.
5. At the top of the screen, click **Enter your COVID-19 vaccine information**.
6. Select which COVID-19 vaccine you received (found on your vaccination record card; if you cannot find your card, please contact your healthcare provider). Then enter the date you were vaccinated. Click **Next**.
7. Review your vaccine information. If correct, click **Submit**. If not, click **Go Back**.
8. **Congrats! You're all set!** If you complete your registration before 2pm local time, **v-safe** will start your initial health check-in around 2pm that day. If you register after 2pm, **v-safe** will start your initial health check-in immediately after you register—just follow the instructions.

You will receive a reminder text message from **v-safe** when it's time for the next check-in—around 2pm local time. Just click the link in the text message to start the check-in.

Complete a v-safe health check-in

1. When you receive a **v-safe** check-in text message on your smartphone, click the link when ready.
2. Follow the instructions to complete the check-in.

Troubleshooting

How can I come back and finish a check-in later if I'm interrupted?

- Click the link in the text message reminder to restart and complete your check-in.

How do I update my vaccine information after my second COVID-19 vaccine dose?

- **V-safe** will automatically ask you to update your second dose information. Just follow the instructions.

Need help with v-safe?

Call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

TTY 888-232-6348

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

Visit www.cdc.gov/vsafe

