



COVID-19 Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to receive the vaccine today?

All individuals who are 16 and older and do not have a contraindication to the Vaccine. Please note: At this time, only the Pfizer product is approved for those age 16 and 17.

How do I register for the vaccine?

[Vaccine Request Form](#)

Please call **570-522-4530, option 1** between 8 am and 6 pm Monday-Friday.

If you are an established patient of any Family Medicine of Evangelical or Internal Medicine of Evangelical practice, you can also call your primary care physician's office.

Where will the vaccines be administered?

Individuals will be assigned a date and time for vaccination and informed of the location of the clinic during the registration process.

Do I have to pay for the vaccine?

Evangelical will not charge healthcare workers who qualify for Phase 1A of the vaccine distribution. You will be required to provide proof of healthcare employment during the registration process and when arriving for your vaccination.

Due to the number of individuals and organizations qualifying for Phase 1A, there will be an administrative fee assessed for individuals not working in healthcare. Health insurance information will be collected for billing purposes during the registration process and at the time of vaccination. Please bring your health insurance card to your appointment.

What can I expect during my vaccination appointment?

Please arrive at the exact time indicated on your scheduled appointment to help us maintain physical distancing.

When you come to your appointment, be sure to bring valid government-issued ID (e.g. driver's license, state ID, passport) and your insurance card.

You will receive information sheet about the vaccine and consent form to be signed. You will also be given documentation that you received the vaccine. Please be sure to keep this document and bring with you for your second dose.

How do I schedule the second dose?

We will schedule your second dose when you receive your first dose of the vaccine. It's important that you keep your appointment to get your second dose, so be sure to note the time and date.

How old do I have to be to receive the vaccine?

Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for 16 years of age and older. Minors require parent or guardian signature to receive.

Moderna is approved for 18 years of age and older.

What if I'm pregnant?

Please refer any questions to your obstetrician regarding your personal health history and ability to receive the vaccine.

What if I am breastfeeding or lactating women?

Please refer any questions to your obstetrician regarding your personal health history and ability to receive the vaccine

What if I'm immunocompromised?

Please refer any questions to your health specialist regarding your personal health history and ability to receive the vaccine.

If I've tested positive for COVID-19, do I still need the vaccine?

Vaccination should be offered to persons regardless of history of prior symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection. Viral or serologic testing for acute or prior infection, respectively, is not recommended for the purpose of vaccine decision-making.

Should a person known with current (active) SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection receive the vaccine?

Vaccination should be deferred until recovery from acute illness (if person had symptoms) and criteria have been met to discontinue isolation.

If I received passive antibody therapy for COVID-19, should I receive the vaccine?

Currently, no data exists on the safety or efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination in persons who received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma as part of COVID-19 treatment. Vaccination should be deferred for at least 90 days to avoid interference of the treatment with vaccine-induced immune responses.

Does the vaccine contain the live SARS-COV2 (COVID-19) virus?

This is not a live vaccine.

What side effects might I experience?

According to the manufacturer of the vaccines, in clinical studies, adverse reactions in participants 16 years of age and older included pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint

pain, fever, injection site swelling, injection site redness, nausea, malaise, and lymphadenopathy.

Who should I report any side effects to?

If you have severe symptoms, head to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms or anything irregular, beyond the normal reaction symptoms listed above, contact your primary care provider.

How many doses are required for the vaccine?

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses. Following receipt of the first dose, you will be registered for an appointment to receive the second dose.

Pfizer is 21 days for the second dose.

Moderna is 28 days for the second dose.

If you anticipate you will be unavailable to schedule the second dose during that time period, you should consider whether it is appropriate to receive the first dose at this time. Failure to receive the second dose within the timeframe decreases your potential immunity.

How long after the vaccine is given is it effective and protecting the individual?

The CDC states that it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. Similar to receiving the annual flu shot, this means it is possible you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

How will the vaccine affect any future COVID-19 testing I may have?

Vaccines won't cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a **current infection**. If your body develops an immune response, which is the goal of vaccination, there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests.

If I'm vaccinated, will I still have to wear a mask and stay physically distance?

Based on CDC guidance, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others. Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations for how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide before deciding to change recommendations on steps everyone should take to slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Are the vaccines interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccine products?

COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable with other COVID-19 vaccine products. Persons initiating series with any COVID-19 vaccine should complete series with same product.