



The COVID-19 Vaccine

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Key to Your Protection on the Frontlines

True or False?

**You can't get COVID-19 once
you've been vaccinated.**

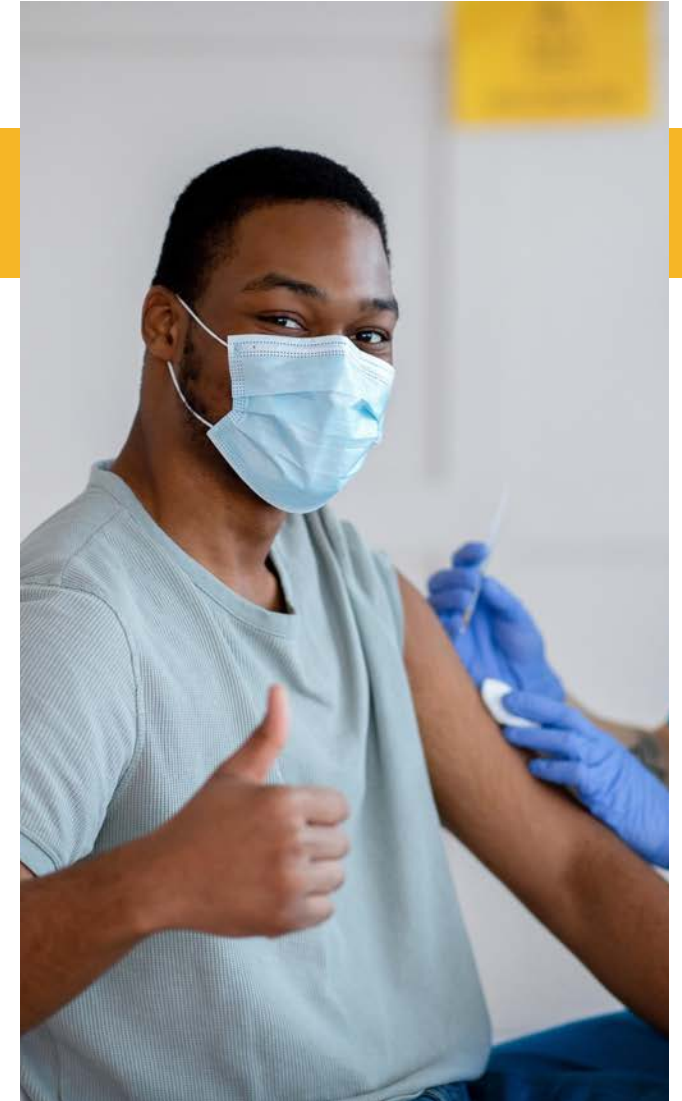
 **False** 

You still might be able to contract the virus if you've gotten a COVID-19 vaccine—but once vaccinated, you are much less likely to get severely sick or die from the virus.



ABOUT THE VACCINE

- The COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are safe, they work and they are free
- The vaccines work with your body to build immunity to the virus



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ABOUT THE VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccines are held to the highest safety standards.

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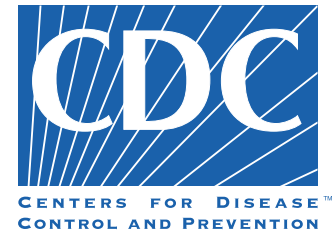
- Clinical trial data is carefully reviewed by the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**.
- Before recommending use, the **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices** reviews all safety data.



ACIP

AFTER AUTHORIZATION

- The **FDA** and **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** monitor vaccine safety and side effects.



True or False?

You can get the virus from the vaccine.

 **False** 

**You can't get the virus from the vaccine.
The vaccine does not contain live virus.
It works with your body to build immunity
to the virus.**



TAKE ACTION

Find out what group you fall into to determine when you can get vaccinated in the Commonwealth.

PHASE 1A

- Healthcare personnel
- Residents of long-term care facilities

PHASE 1B

- Frontline Essential Workers
- People Age 65+
- People Age 16-64 with an underlying medical condition
- People living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and migrant labor camps

PHASE 1C

- Other Essential Workers

True or False?

**Getting a vaccine could make
you test positive for the virus.**

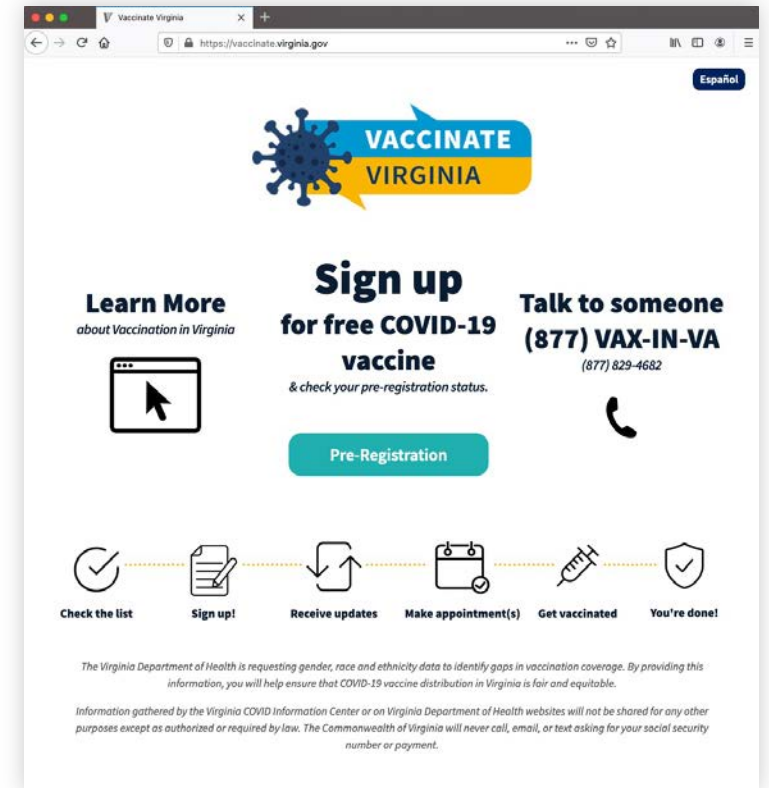
 **False** 

You won't test positive on viral tests for COVID-19 because you have gotten a COVID-19 vaccine. Again, the vaccine builds your immunity to the virus—it doesn't give you the virus.



TAKE ACTION

- Go to Vaccinate.Virginia.gov for the most up-to-date information about vaccination clinics near you



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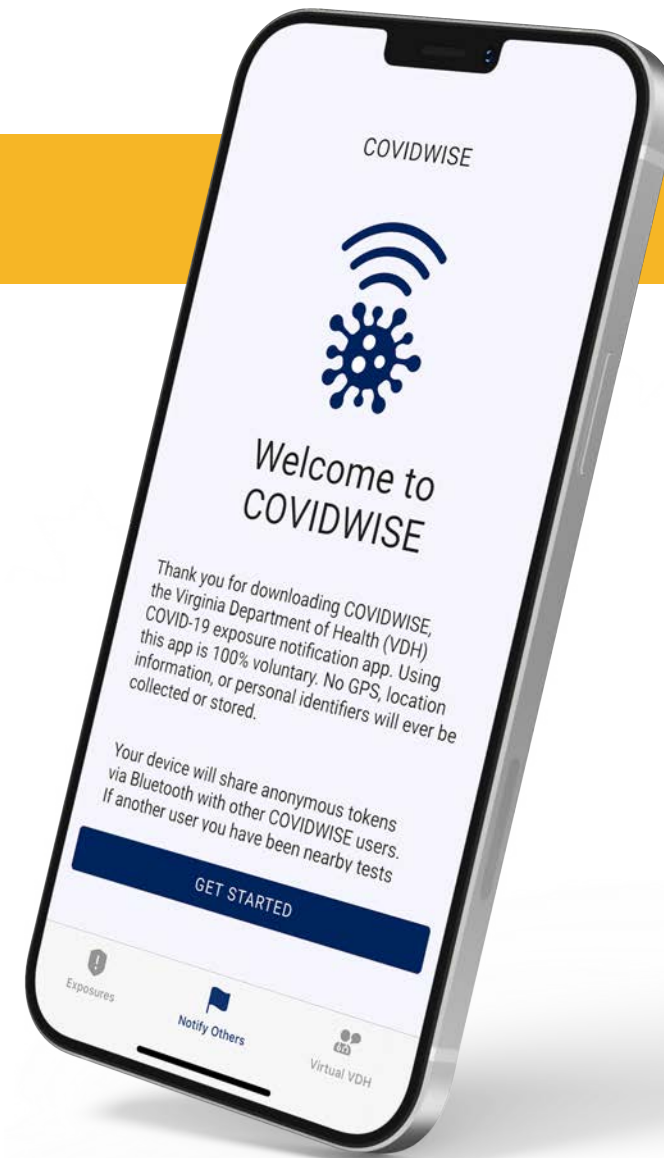
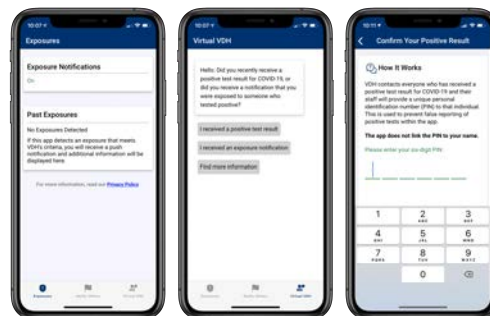
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TAKE ACTION

- Download the **COVIDWISE** app to your phone—your privacy will be protected, and you can report to and receive key information from the health department
- As of February 2021, the app has been downloaded more than 998,000 times



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True or False?

**The COVID-19 Vaccine changes
your DNA.**


 **False** 

The COVID-19 vaccine does not change your DNA. What this mRNA vaccine does is help your body produce a protein that builds immunity to COVID-19.



TAKE ACTION

- When you get a vaccination, keep the card given to you to track how many doses you need and to keep a record of your vaccination

COVID-19 
VACCINATION CARD

First Name _____

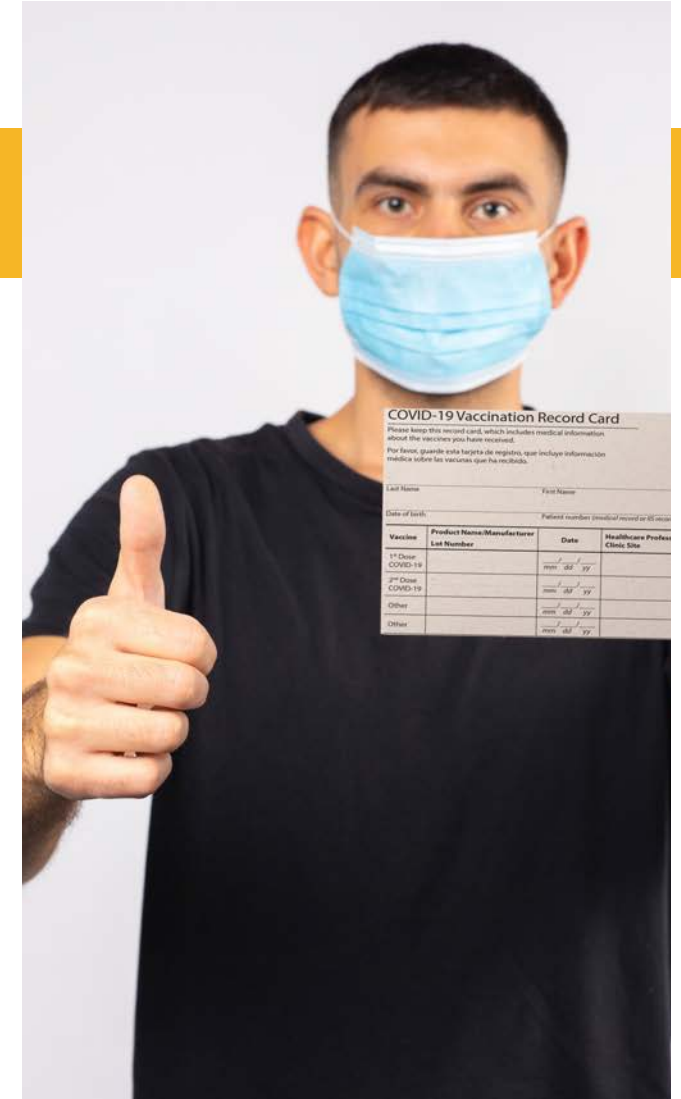
Last Name _____

First Dose ☐

Second Dose ☐

Date _____

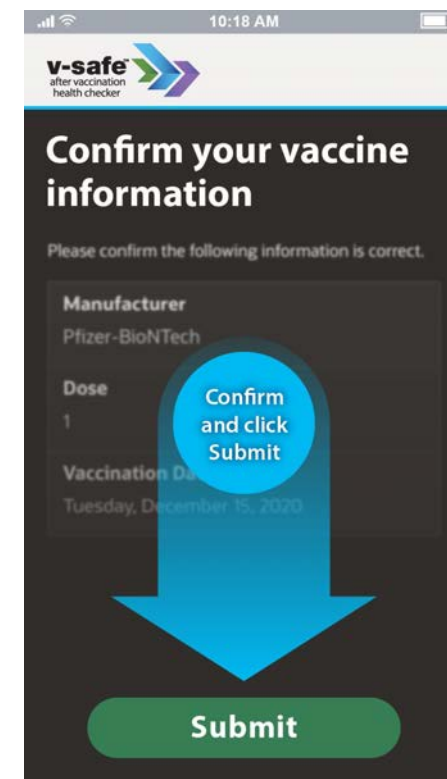
Date _____





WHAT TO EXPECT

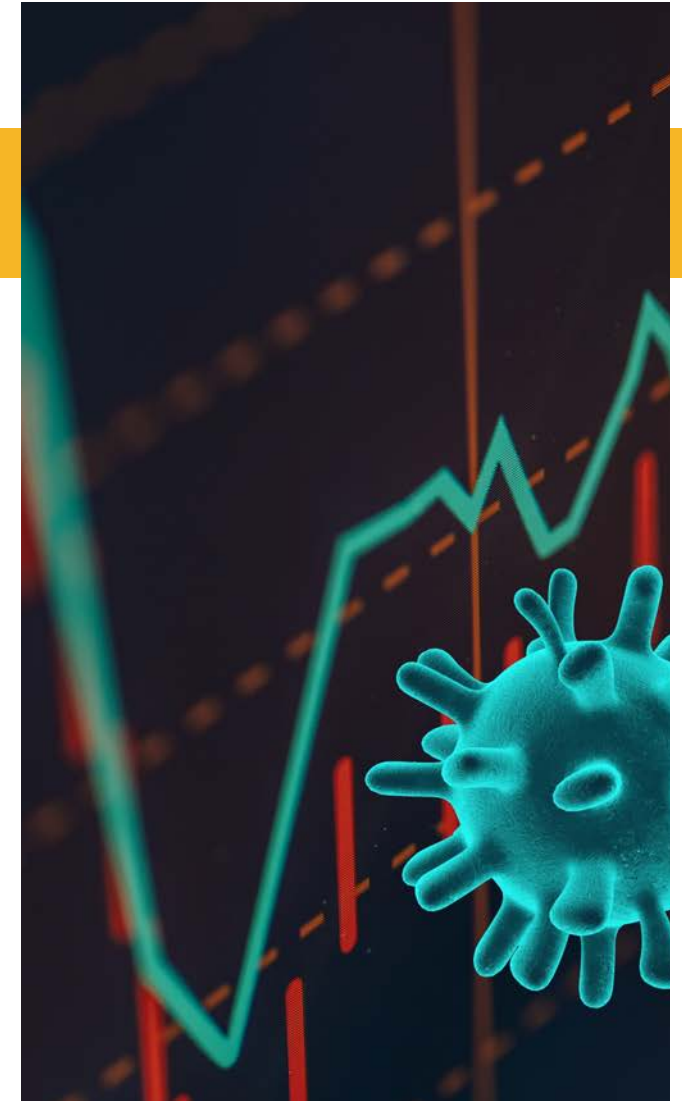
- Some mild side effects, such as **chills, achiness and fever**, are to be expected for the first few days after you get a COVID-19 vaccine
- Report side effects directly to the Centers for Disease Control by downloading an app called **V-safe** to your phone





ABOUT THE VIRUS

- As of February 2021, COVID-19 has infected more than 107 million people worldwide and has killed more 2 million people worldwide.
- The virus is more contagious than the flu and is transferred into the air as droplets when people cough, sneeze or talk.
- Initial symptoms of the virus can include fatigue, fever, a dry cough, and in some cases, loss of taste and smell.





COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Are at Increased Risk

- At an increased risk for serious illness if they contract COVID-19 due to higher rates of underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension, and obesity compared to whites;
- More likely to be uninsured and to lack a usual source of care which is an impediment to accessing COVID-19 testing and treatment services;
- Often working in jobs that are not amenable to teleworking and use public transportation that puts them at risk for exposure to COVID-19. (Kaiser family foundation, 2020; health affairs, 2020)





FRONTLINE WORKERS

Are at Increased Risk

- Work regularly onsite
- Work near fellow employees for extended periods of time
- Can't always physically distance at least six feet from coworkers



THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART



**WEARING
A MASK**



**PHYSICALLY
DISTANCING AT
LEAST SIX FEET
WHENEVER POSSIBLE**



**WASHING YOUR
HANDS
FREQUENTLY**



**GETTING THE
COVID-19
VACCINATION
WHEN YOU CAN**

A healthcare worker wearing a white hairnet, safety goggles, a teal surgical mask, and blue gloves holds a white sign. The background is a blurred clinical setting.

THANK YOU, VA

Together, we can curb the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus, saving lives in our workplaces and in our community.

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