

Vaccine FAQs

Q: What are the steps for someone who has been vaccinated, yet exhibits symptoms of COVID-19?

A: The individual should isolate until they receive an alternate diagnosis from a doctor or a positive test result (in which case, they should continue isolating).

Q: Do fully vaccinated individuals need to quarantine if they've been exposed to a positive case?

A: Fully vaccinated individuals (2 weeks post second dose for Pfizer and Moderna, and 2 weeks post first dose of J&J/Janssen) do not need to quarantine after exposure. However, individuals should isolate and seek testing, if symptoms develop.

Q: Can any of the vaccines cause a positive COVID-19 test?

A: No, none of the vaccines can cause you to test positive for COVID-19. If someone tests positive after vaccination, then they are positive for the virus and need to isolate accordingly.

Q: If someone tests positive before their next dose of the vaccine, do they have to wait 90 days to get vaccinated?

A: No, if someone tests positive before any of their vaccine doses they'll need to complete 10 days of isolation and be cleared from isolation. As soon as they are cleared from isolation, they can be scheduled and receive a vaccine as soon as possible.

Q: Do fully vaccinated individuals still need to wear masks and physically distance? Why?

A: At this time CDC has advised that fully vaccinated individuals may stop wearing masks, except in certain settings. CDC advises to continue wearing a mask in healthcare settings, schools, or anywhere that masks are required by laws, rules, and regulations. Additionally, CDC recommends that, as an individual, you may choose to continue wearing a mask if you are immunocompromised and want to take extra safety precautions. If you are immunocompromised, talk to your healthcare provider about ways to keep yourself safe.

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