

# COVID-19 VACCINE: DID YOU KNOW?

An ongoing series answering common questions.

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A safe vaccine for COVID-19 has been developed. We want to continue to share information to help you, your family and your community stay healthy.



## IF I ALREADY HAD COVID-19 SHOULD I STILL PLAN TO GET THE VACCINE?

- Yes, you should still get the vaccine when available.
- Some people can get COVID-19 again, and it is not known how long someone is protected from getting the virus again.



## SHOULD I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE IF I HAVE A FOOD, LATEX OR INSECT ALLERGY?

- Yes, people with a history of severe allergic reactions not related to vaccines or injectable medications should get the COVID-19 vaccine when available.
- This includes people with allergies – such as food, pet, venom, environmental (pollen, dust, etc.) or latex allergies.



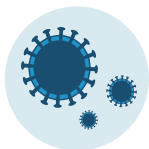
## SHOULD SOMEONE WITH AN ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITION GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

- Yes, it is especially important for people with conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes and obesity to get the vaccine when available.
- These people may have the highest risk of getting very sick or dying from COVID-19.



## DO I STILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK AFTER GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

- Yes, you should continue wearing masks, handwashing and social distancing after getting the vaccine to help keep others in your community safe.
- It is not yet known whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself.



## WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO HELP PROTECT MYSELF FROM GETTING COVID-19 UNTIL THE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE?

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Avoid spaces with poor air flow
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid crowds

**Help keep you and your neighbor healthy. Together, we'll get through this.**

Sources: PA Department of Health and  
the Centers for Disease Control

[LGHealth.org/Vaccine](https://www.lghealth.org/vaccine)



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