



MYTH:

It was made too fast,
so it's not safe.

FACT:

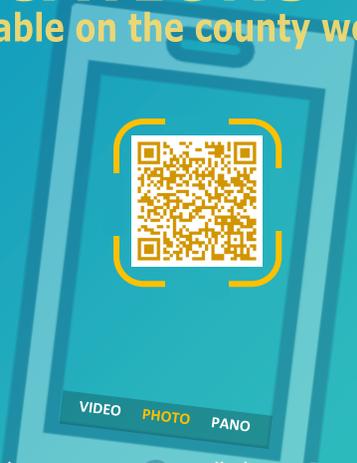
Here is how the timeline was sped up
without cutting corners on safety.

- ⇒ COVID-19 is not the first or the only coronavirus. We already had helpful information, so we were not starting from scratch.
- ⇒ Many people wanted to participate in clinical trials, saving time on finding volunteers.
- ⇒ Safety studies and manufacturing happened at the same time. So once approved as safe, the vaccine was ready to be distributed.
- ⇒ Many governments, including the U.S., invested large amounts of money in helping support vaccine companies and their work.



FOR VACCINE LOCATIONS

Available on the county website



**Bring up the camera on your cell phone. Do not take a picture, but touch the link that pops up at the top of screen after scanning the QR code. If unavailable, all locations are listed on the county website: www.BucksCounty.gov*

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BUCKS COUNTY DEPT HEALTH (BCDH)

(215) 345-3318

MON-FRI: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

BCDH WEBSITE:

www.BucksCounty.gov/Health



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VACCINES

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MYTH:

Getting the vaccine will give you COVID.



FACT:

To become sick with COVID, you must be exposed to the actual virus. None of the vaccines contain the COVID-19 virus, instead they contain instructions that teach your immune system to recognize the virus in the future!

It is completely normal to feel like you have a mild illness for a brief time after getting vaccinated. This means the vaccine is working to activate your immune system!

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FREE VACCINES



MYTH: I can't get the vaccine if I want to have a baby.

FACT:

While the COVID vaccine is new and more research needs to be done, early studies from the Vaccine Pregnancy Registry suggest that the vaccine is safe for moms and babies.

When we look at how the COVID vaccines work in our bodies, there is no reason to suspect that the vaccine would be harmful to a baby during pregnancy or prevent future pregnancy.

In fact, several vaccines, such as Influenza and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), are recommended during pregnancy to protect both moms and babies from severe illness or death. Several infectious diseases are known to cause congenital disabilities and complications during pregnancy, including rubella, chickenpox, malaria, and herpes simplex virus.

Women who are pregnant are already at a slightly higher risk of hospitalization. Getting vaccinated while pregnant could help lower the risk of hospitalization.

Since the long-term effects of COVID infection during pregnancy are still unknown, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends the COVID vaccine during pregnancy. Talk to your OB/GYN for more information.

MYTH:

The vaccine will change my DNA.



FACT:

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain a different type of genetic material called messenger RNA (mRNA) to deliver instructions to your cells' protein factories on how to make the protein that sits on the surface of the COVID virus.

Your immune system responds to these new proteins, memorizes them for the future, and then breaks down the mRNA and COVID proteins to eliminate them from your body. It does all this without ever touching your DNA! Amazing!

MYTH: You don't need a vaccine if you've had COVID.

FACT:

We don't know how long immunity lasts once you recover from the virus, but you can get infected with COVID-19 more than once, so the vaccine is still an important tool to protect you moving forward. Talk to your doctor about what's right for you.