



# INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINE

The information below has been provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and the University of Michigan. HHS is committed to partnering with our community and our patients to reduce the impact of COVID-19. The vaccine is one promising tool that will help us get there.



## mRNA

### THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS AN mRNA VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine is a messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccine. This type of vaccine has been studied for 10 years but the COVID-19 vaccine is the first of its kind for widespread use.



### THERE IS CURRENTLY A LIMITED SUPPLY OF COVID-19 VACCINE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT SUPPLY WILL INCREASE IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

Hennepin Healthcare will vaccinate people based on the MDH phases. We anticipate providing vaccinations to the public in the next few of months. Visit [hennepinhealthcare.org/covid19vaccine](https://hennepinhealthcare.org/covid19vaccine) for updates.



### THE COVID-19 VACCINES ARE SAFE

COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are going through the same rigorous safety assessment as all vaccines before they are authorized or approved for use in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration.

### WE HAVE COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE NOW BECAUSE SCIENCE AND HEALTH EXPERTS RESPONDED SWIFTLY TO A DEADLY PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.



### COVID-19 VACCINES WILL HELP PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING COVID-19. TWO DOSES ARE NEEDED.

You need two doses of the currently available COVID-19 vaccine. A second shot 3-4 weeks after your first shot is needed to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer against this serious disease.

# FREE

### THE COVID-19 VACCINE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR FREE

Clinics will ask for insurance information to get reimbursed for their service. If you do not have insurance, you can still get a vaccine.



### COVID-19 VACCINES ARE ONE OF THE MANY IMPORTANT TOOLS TO HELP US STOP THIS PANDEMIC

Information from CDC resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/mrna-vaccine-basics.html>, <https://healthblog.uofmhealth.org/wellness-prevention/not-sure-about-covid-19-vaccine-get-facts-then-decide>