

# What to Know about the Johnson & Johnson Vaccine



## Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine Summary

- Clinical trial data referenced in the [Emergency Use Authorization](#) showed the vaccine is highly effective at preventing COVID-19 illness.
- No serious safety concerns were found in the clinical trials or by the FDA's scientific review.
- The vaccine is highly effective (85 percent) at preventing severe COVID-19 in the 28 days after vaccination.

## How the Vaccine Works

- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a viral vector vaccine. Scientists have studied viral vector vaccines since the 1970s and used the technology for vaccines against Zika and Ebola.
- It is a single-dose vaccine.
- You may have seen information that makes it seem like some vaccines are better than others. The exact differences between vaccines are not easy to compare because the vaccines were tested at different times and places.
- In the trials, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was shown to prevent hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19 in 85 percent of people.
- It was also shown to prevent any COVID-19 symptoms in 74 percent of people.

- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was tested against some of the new strains and the other vaccines were not. The numbers above show the vaccine's efficacy against both the common strain of coronavirus and two of the new strains, or variants.
- It takes about two weeks after you get the vaccine to develop full protection.

## Benefits of Vaccination

- The vaccine can greatly reduce your chance of getting seriously ill. Even if you get COVID-19, it's likely to be a milder case.
- Being fully vaccinated reduces your chances of hospitalization and lowers your risk of dying from COVID-19.
- By getting the vaccine, you add to the number of people in the community who are protected from getting COVID-19, keeping the amount of disease low.
- Vaccinated people who are exposed to COVID-19 do not have to quarantine.
- Vaccinated people can gather indoors with other vaccinated people or people who are at low risk of COVID-19 and do not have to wear masks while doing this. You must still wear a mask and practice social distancing in public.