

What to expect with your **COVID-19 Vaccine**

Before | During | After



• Find a **nearby COVID-19 vaccine** by checking local providers like pharmacies, clinics, or your doctor's office, or by visiting **Vaccines.gov** and entering your zip code.

• Get free vaccines from BRIDGE ACCESS program participating healthcare centers.



• For vaccine appointments or transportation help, contact **DIAL: The Disability Information and Assistance Line** at 888.677.1199, email <u>DIAL@usaginganddisability.org</u>, or visit **dial.acl.gov** to connect with a specialist online.



• When you arrive to receive your COVID-19 vaccine, you might need to show your ID and insurance card.

• No need for citizenship or residency proof.



- To protect yourself and others, it is recommended that you **wear a mask** that covers your mouth and nose.
- Wear a t-shirt, the shot will be in your upper arm.



• Bring anything that may help **ease anxiety** like a fidget toy, comfort item, preferred video, communication tool, etc.

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• **Know the clinic rules for arrival** (will you call from the car, wait in the car, wait in the waiting room, etc.)



• The vaccinator will use a wet pad to **clean your arm**.



• Then the shot will be administered on your upper arm.





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- You may feel tired, feverish, or have pain in your arm.
- These are **normal symptoms** that will go away soon.



- **Reduce the pain and discomfort** where you got the shot by using or exercising your arm
- **Drink water and get enough rest** to help your body recover.



- If you experience any of these feelings, call your healthcare provider:
- Difficulty breathing Fast heartbeat
- Swelling of face or throat Dizziness and weakness



• Immunocompromised individuals may need **extra COVID**-**19 vaccine doses** 2+ months after the last one. Ask your healthcare provider for details.



• Your body is **stronger**, and your community is **safer**.

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