

Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

What do we know about the Covid-19 vaccines as of March 2021?

- The vaccine is FREE; you don't need insurance
- There are three available vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson
- Millions have been safely vaccinated

Are the vaccines safe?

- **YES.** The Covid-19 vaccines have been tested and proven to be safe and effective
- Studies included people of different races and ethnicities, ages, genders and health conditions

- The vaccines completed all the usual steps toward approval

How do the vaccines work?

- Vaccines teach your body how to recognize and fight the Covid-19 virus – they'll keep you from getting severely sick
- The vaccines cannot give you Covid-19 or change your DNA or genetic makeup
- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require a booster shot three to four weeks after the first dose; Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires one dose



What happens after I'm vaccinated?

- Many people experience side effects – sore arm, headache, tiredness, fever – up to a few days – THIS IS NORMAL. On rare occasions some people have had severe allergic reactions – they all received medical help right away.
- Because we are still learning if vaccinated people can spread the virus, you'll need to continue to keep your camp spread out – wash your hands and use hand sanitizer, wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others as much as possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; avoid sharing personal

items – cigarettes, food, utensils, etc.

- People who are sick should continue to sleep separately from well people, even after receiving the vaccine.

When can I get the vaccine?

- All people living outside or in shelters in Oregon will be eligible March 29, 2021; you may be eligible sooner depending on your age and other factors.
- You may not be able to choose which vaccine you get. The sooner you receive any vaccine, the safer you and your neighbors will be.



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