



COVID-19 VACCINES

What You Need to Know | March 2021

Will current vaccines work against new strains of COVID-19?

Most likely. As new strains of COVID-19 continue to emerge, more research will be needed to understand how well the vaccines will work. Getting vaccinated is still the **best way** to protect ourselves and our communities against COVID-19.

What are the side effects of the vaccine?

Common side effects of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines include sore arm, fever, body aches, headache, and fatigue. These usually go away within a few days. Side effects may be worse after the second dose. Although unpleasant, side effects are a sign the vaccine is working and your immune system is preparing to protect you against the virus. Side effects from the vaccine are less severe than the symptoms and long-term effects of COVID-19.

Does the vaccine cost anything?

The vaccine **will not** cost you anything. Your vaccine site may ask for insurance information, but you do not need to have insurance to receive a vaccine. If you are asked to pay for a vaccine, this is a scam and should be reported to New Jersey Consumer Affairs at 973-504-6240.

Have more questions about how COVID-19 vaccines work? Contact 848-932-5862 or community@ifh.rutgers.edu.