

**VACCINE INFORMATION FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND
CAREGIVERS
ABOUT SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 VACCINE, mRNA) AND THE MODERNA COVID-19
VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN
INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

You are being offered either SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) or the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2.

This Vaccine Information Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers comprises the Fact Sheet for the authorized Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and also includes information about the FDA-licensed vaccine, SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) for use in individuals 18 years of age and older.

The FDA-approved SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine authorized for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for individuals 18 years of age and older can be used interchangeably, when used according to their respective instructions for use.¹

SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) is an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine made by ModernaTX, Inc. It is approved as a two-dose series for prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. It is also authorized under EUA to provide:

- **a third primary series dose to individuals 18 years of age and older who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise;**
- **a first booster dose to individuals 18 years of age and older who have completed a primary series with Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA);**
- **a first booster dose to individuals 18 years of age and older who have completed primary vaccination with another authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. The booster schedule is based on the labeling information of the vaccine used for the primary series;**
- **a second booster dose to individuals 50 years of age and older who have received a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine; and**
- **a second booster dose to individuals 18 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise and who have received a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.**

¹ FDA-approved SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and one presentation of the EUA-authorized Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (supplied in vials with red caps) can be used interchangeably for the primary series and booster doses without presenting any safety or effectiveness concerns. One presentation of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (supplied in vials with dark blue caps) is authorized for emergency use to provide booster doses only. The booster dose only presentation of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is not authorized to provide a primary series dose. SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) or the two EUA-authorized presentations of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (supplied in vials with red caps or vials with dark blue caps) can be used to provide a booster dose(s), and the choice of presentation does not present any safety or effectiveness concerns.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has received EUA from FDA to provide:

- **a two-dose primary series to individuals 18 years of age and older;**
- **a third primary series dose to individuals 18 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise;**
- **a first booster dose to the individuals 18 years of age and older who have completed a primary series with the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA);**
- **a first booster dose to individuals 18 years of age and older who have completed primary vaccination with another authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. The booster schedule is based on the labeling information of the vaccine used for the primary series;**
- **a second booster dose to individuals 50 years of age and older who have received a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine; and**
- **a second booster dose to individuals 18 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise and who have received a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.**

This Vaccine Information Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, which you may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19. Talk to your vaccination provider if you have questions.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) may not protect everyone.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please visit www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET THIS VACCINE

WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has not been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

HOW IS SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 VACCINE, mRNA) RELATED TO THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) can be used interchangeably.

For more information on EUA, see the “**What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?**” section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOU GET THE VACCINE?

Tell your vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies
- have had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine
- have ever fainted in association with an injection

WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE VACCINE?

You should not get the vaccine if you:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine

WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE VACCINE?

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) contain the following ingredients: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), lipids (SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol [DMG], cholesterol, and 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [DSPC]), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate trihydrate, and sucrose.

HOW IS THE VACCINE GIVEN?

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.

Primary Series: The vaccine is administered as a two-dose series, one month apart. A third primary series dose may be administered at least one month after the second dose to individuals with certain kinds of immunocompromise.

Booster Dose:

- A first booster dose of the vaccine may be administered at least 5 months after completion of a primary series of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) in individuals 18 years of age and older.
- A first booster dose of the vaccine may be administered to individuals 18 years of age and older who have completed primary vaccination with another authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. Please check with your healthcare provider regarding timing of the booster dose.
- A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older, at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

- A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered, at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise.

HAS THE VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?

Yes. In clinical trials, approximately 15,400 individuals 18 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the vaccine. Data from these clinical trials supported the Emergency Use Authorization of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the approval of SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA). Millions of individuals have received the vaccine under EUA since December 18, 2020.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE VACCINE?

The vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE VACCINE?

There is a remote chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the vaccine. For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) have occurred in some people who have received the vaccine, more commonly in males under 40 years of age than among females and older males. In most of these people, symptoms began within a few days following receipt of the second dose of the vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving the vaccine:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart

Side effects that have been reported in clinical trials with the vaccine include:

- Injection site reactions: pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness
- General side effects: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, fever, and rash

Side effects that have been reported during post-authorization use of the vaccine include:

- Severe allergic reactions
- Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
- Pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- Fainting in association with injection of the vaccine

These may not be all the possible side effects of the vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. The possible side effects of the vaccine are still being studied in clinical trials.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to **FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**. The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include either “SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA)” or “Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine EUA,” as appropriate, in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to ModernaTX, Inc. at 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762).

You may also be given an option to enroll in **v-safe**. **V-safe** is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. **V-safe** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. **V-safe** also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: www.cdc.gov/vsafe.

WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 VACCINE, mRNA) OR THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

Under the EUA, it is your choice to receive or not receive the vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 VACCINE, mRNA) OR THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE?

Another choice for preventing COVID-19 is COMIRNATY (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA), an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under Emergency Use Authorization.

CAN I RECEIVE SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 VACCINE, mRNA) OR THE MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER VACCINES?

Data have not yet been submitted to FDA on administration of SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) or the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at the same time as other vaccines. If you are considering receiving SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) or the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

WHAT IF I AM IMMUNOCOMPROMISED?

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive a third primary series dose of the vaccine. The third dose may still not provide full immunity to COVID-19 in people who are immunocompromised, and you should continue to maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19. In addition, after you received a first booster dose, you may receive a second booster dose of the vaccine if you are 18 years of age and older. Your close contacts should be vaccinated as appropriate.

WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

WILL THE VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.


KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD

When you receive your first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show you when to return for your next dose(s) of the vaccine. Remember to bring your card when you return.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine website	Telephone number
www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua 	1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762)

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

- Ask the vaccination provider
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>
- Contact your state or local public health department

WHERE WILL MY VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?

The vaccination provider may include your vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction's Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. This will ensure that you receive the same vaccine when you return for the second dose. For more information about IISs, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>.

CAN I BE CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

No. At this time, the provider cannot charge you for a vaccine dose and you cannot be charged an out-of-pocket vaccine administration fee or any other fee if only receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured recipients).

WHERE CAN I REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD?

Individuals becoming aware of any potential violations of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements are encouraged to report them to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or TIPS.HHS.GOV.

WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit www.hrsa.gov/cicp/ or call 1-855-266-2427.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?

An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is a mechanism to facilitate the availability and use of medical products, including vaccines, during public health emergencies, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. An EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based on the totality of the scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and SPIKEVAX (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) will end when the Secretary of HHS determines that the circumstances justifying the EUA no longer exist or when there is a change in the approval status of the product such that an EUA is no longer needed.

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To allow medical care provider(s) accurate immunization status information, an immunization assessment, and a recommended schedule for future immunizations, information will be sent to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry. Individuals have the right to request that their medical care provider not forward immunization information to the Registry.

The mRNA vaccines (those by Pfizer and Moderna) did not use a fetal cell line to produce or manufacture the vaccine. However, a fetal cell line was used in a very early phase to confirm efficacy prior to production and manufacturing.



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Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Primary, Additional and/or Booster Doses

This Fact Sheet describes Emergency Use Instructions (EUI) that have been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide information about the primary, additional, and booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna, including but not limited to longer interval between primary doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna, use in certain individuals who received primary vaccination with certain COVID-19 vaccines not authorized or approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for such use and in immunocompromised individuals who received one primary dose of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

If you are 18 years and older, you may receive the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna 4–8 weeks after the first dose. If you are 18 years and older and received primary vaccination with **certain** COVID-19 vaccines **not authorized or approved** by the FDA, you may be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as a primary dose, additional dose, and/or a booster dose. For example, if you were vaccinated outside the United States or from clinical trial participation (and received vaccines that have not received FDA approval or authorization such as the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, or the Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine), you may be eligible to receive a primary dose, additional dose, and/or a booster dose. If you are 18 years and older with an immunocompromising condition and you received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine as your first dose, you may also be eligible to receive an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna. If you are 18 years and older with a moderately or severely immunocompromising condition and received certain therapies (hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) or CAR-T-cell therapy) and received dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine prior to or during treatment, you may be eligible to be revaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna.

mRNA vaccines are preferred for persons with moderate or severe immune compromise. If you are 18 years and older and you are receiving vaccination for uses provided under EUI, you have a choice of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine by either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech (see the [Pfizer-BioNTech EUI Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)). Persons 12–17 years of age should only receive the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech.

See below for more information under “Who can receive primary, additional, and/or booster dose(s) of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna under the EUI”.

What are Emergency Use Instructions (EUI)?

EUI are issued by CDC to provide information about emergency use of FDA-approved (licensed) medical products that may not be included in or differ in some way from the information provided in the FDA-approved labeling (package insert). EUI consist of fact sheets for healthcare providers and recipients.

Why is CDC issuing EUI for the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

The COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna is an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine (brand name Spikevax, mRNA) to prevent COVID-19 in persons ages 18 years and older. CDC is issuing EUI to provide information about this vaccine for the below uses. The COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech can also be used under EUI for similar uses as an alternative mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (see the [Pfizer-BioNTech EUI Fact Sheet for Recipients](#)), and the same or similar recommendations in this EUI also apply to the use of the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech under EUI. The uses of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna permitted under EUI are:

- In persons ages 18 years and older as a second primary dose 4–8 weeks after the first primary dose, especially those at higher risk of myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- In persons ages 18 years and older as an additional (third) primary dose in those with certain immunocompromising conditions, a primary dose in those with incomplete primary dose series,

and/or a booster dose after receiving certain **non-FDA authorized or approved** COVID-19 vaccines (for example, certain vaccines available outside of the United States or vaccines used in clinical trials).

- In persons 18–49 years of age without certain immunocompromising conditions as a second booster dose after receiving both a primary dose and first booster dose with the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.
- In persons ages 18 years and older with certain immunocompromising conditions as an additional dose after receiving primary vaccination with the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.
- In persons ages 18 years and older with a moderately or severely immunocompromising condition who received dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine prior to or during treatment with certain therapies (HCT or CAR-T-cell therapy) as revaccination dose(s) with the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna, regardless of which vaccine was received initially.

What is COVID-19?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with SARS-CoV-2 infection have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from no symptoms to severe illness leading to death. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Who can receive primary, additional, and/or booster dose(s) of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna under the EUI?

People who can receive the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna under EUI are described below.

- People ages 18 years and older, especially those at higher risk of myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, may receive the second primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna 4–8 weeks after the first primary dose. The second dose should not be received earlier than 4 weeks after the first dose.
- People ages 18 years and older who received an incomplete primary dose series (only the first dose of a 2-dose primary series) with certain **non-FDA authorized or approved** COVID-19 vaccines at least 28 days ago should receive a primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna to complete the series.
- People ages 18 years and older who are not immunocompromised and completed their primary vaccination with mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or primary vaccination that included certain **non-FDA authorized or approved** COVID-19 vaccines should receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna at least 5 months after completion of primary vaccination.
- People ages 18–49 years who received a primary dose and booster dose of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may receive a second booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna at least 4 months after the previous booster dose. A second booster dose for people ages 50 years and older is authorized under EUA.
- For people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised:
 - People ages 18 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and completed their primary vaccination with mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or primary vaccination that included certain **non-FDA authorized or approved** COVID-19 vaccines should receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna at least 3 months after completion of primary vaccination.
 - People ages 18 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and received their primary vaccination with certain **non-FDA authorized or approved** COVID-19



vaccines at least 28 days ago should receive an additional (third) primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna.

- People ages 18 years and older with a moderately or severely immunocompromising condition who received a primary dose of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine should receive an additional dose with the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna at least 28 days after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine primary dose. People who already received a booster dose with an authorized COVID-19 vaccine after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine primary dose should receive an additional dose with the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna at least 2 months after the booster dose.
- People ages 18 years and older with a moderately or severely immunocompromising condition who received dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine prior to or during certain therapies (HCT or CAR-T-cell therapy) should be revaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna, regardless of which vaccine was received initially, at least 3 months after treatment.

The COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech can also be used under EUI for similar uses in persons ages 12 years and older as an alternative mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (see the [Pfizer-BioNTech EUI Fact Sheet for Recipients](#)).

Talk to your healthcare provider about if and when you should receive a primary, additional and/or a booster dose. See [CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations](#) for additional information on [moderately and severely immunocompromised persons](#) recommended for an additional primary dose and populations eligible for a booster dose.

Who should NOT get the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

You should not get the vaccine if you:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna

What should I mention to the vaccination provider before getting the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

Tell your vaccination provider the name, number of doses, and date(s) of COVID-19 vaccine(s) you received previously. Also, mention all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies
- have had myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- have ever fainted in association with an injection

How is the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna given?

COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna is given as an injection into the muscle.

Has the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna been used before?

Yes. Millions of people have received this vaccine in the United States since it became available starting December 18, 2020. Also, in clinical trials, approximately 15,400 people 18 years and older received at least 1 dose of the vaccine. There have been some studies in people who received the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna after completing a primary vaccination with a non-FDA authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine or Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

What are the risks of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

Limited data are available on use of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as an additional primary dose or a booster dose in people who completed their primary vaccination with a non-FDA authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine, or as an additional dose for immunocompromised individuals who received Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine for primary vaccination. Side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna include injection site pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness; fatigue; headache; muscle pain; joint pain; chills; nausea and vomiting; fever; and rash. Common side effects reported were mostly mild, but some people had side effects that affected their ability to do daily activities.

Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis have rarely been reported in some people. Cases have occurred predominantly in adolescents and young adult males within the first week after the second dose of vaccine. There is evidence from multiple sources that suggest a higher risk for myocarditis following Moderna compared to Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination; however, it is not possible to directly compare the risk in people ages 12–17 years because Pfizer-BioNTech is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized in this age group.

Additional information on the common and serious side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna can be found in the [package insert for Spikevax](#) and in the [EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#).

What are the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

The COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna has been shown in clinical studies to be effective in preventing COVID-19. Receiving the second primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna 4–8 weeks after the first dose may reduce the risk of myocarditis and result in greater immune response and better protection against COVID-19. Primary, additional, and/or booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as described under EUI may help to increase immune response in people, which could improve protection against COVID-19. Similarly, for immunocompromised individuals who received the Janssen Vaccine for primary vaccination, an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna could improve protection against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna may not protect everyone.

What are the Risks and Benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

The FDA approved the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna to prevent COVID-19 based on safety and efficacy data available from clinical trials. Additionally, the [FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization](#) of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as an additional primary or a booster dose, determining, among other things, that the known and potential benefits of vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine. Based on available information, the use of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as described in this Fact Sheet could help improve or restore protection that may not have been sufficient or may have decreased over time after the primary vaccination.

What alternative choices are available for primary, additional, and/or booster doses other than the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna?

If vaccinated outside of the United States or through a clinical trial and the COVID-19 vaccine you initially received for primary vaccination is not authorized or approved in the United States, then the vaccine you initially received may not be available to you. Currently, the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine are the only FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines for which EUI provide information about primary, additional, and/or booster doses following the COVID-19 vaccine that you received.

It is your choice to receive or not receive the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna as a primary, additional, and/or booster dose. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.



Will I get a vaccination card?

When you are administered a primary, additional, or a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna, you will get a vaccination card to document when you received the shot. You should keep your vaccination card.

What is the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program?

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit www.hrsa.gov/cicp/ or call 1-855-266-2427.

How can I learn more?

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.

To allow medical care provider(s) accurate immunization status information, an immunization assessment, and a recommended schedule for future immunizations, information will be sent to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry. Individuals have the right to request that their medical care provider not forward immunization information to the Registry.

The mRNA vaccines (those by Pfizer and Moderna) did not use a fetal cell line to produce or manufacture the vaccine. However, a fetal cell line was used in a very early phase to confirm efficacy prior to production and manufacturing.





**Get vaccinated.
Get your smartphone.
Get started with v-safe.**

What is v-safe?

V-safe provides personalized and confidential health check-ins via text messages and web surveys so you can quickly and easily share with CDC how you or your dependent feel after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. It takes just a few minutes to enroll and your participation in **v-safe** helps us monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for everyone.

V-safe features:

- **Enroll your dependents** and complete check-ins on their behalf
- **Enter** and report how you feel after **first, second, additional, and booster doses**

How can I enroll and how does it work?

You can enroll in **v-safe** after any dose of COVID-19 vaccine by using your smartphone and going to vsafe.cdc.gov.

During the first week after each vaccination, **v-safe** will send you a text message each day to ask how you are feeling. After that, you will receive occasional check-ins, which you can opt out of at any time. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to get more information. Your personal information in **v-safe** is protected so it's safe and private*.

How can I enroll my dependent?

You can enroll any family member (or friend) who is eligible to be vaccinated in **v-safe**. Children under 16 years old must be enrolled using a parent or guardian's **v-safe** account. You can add a dependent to your existing account or create a new account if you don't have one yet. Creating an account to enroll a dependent does not require that you enter your own vaccination information or complete health check-ins for yourself.

Need step-by-step instructions? Go to: www.cdc.gov/vsafe



**Sign up with your
smartphone's browser
at vsafe.cdc.gov**

**Share with your friends
and CDC that you are
using v-safe! Post
a selfie and use the
hashtag #BeSafeVSafe**



Need help with v-safe?

Call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)
TTY 888-232-6348
Open 24 hours, 7 days a week
Visit www.cdc.gov/vsafe

***v-safe** uses existing information systems managed by CDC, FDA, and other federal agencies. These systems use strict security measures to keep information confidential. These measures comply, where applicable, with the following federal laws, including the Privacy Act of 1974; standards enacted that are consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); the Federal Information Security Management Act, and the Freedom of Information Act.

