



COVID-19 VACCINATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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Can I get the coronavirus from the vaccine?

You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

When will Jubilee staff get the vaccine?

Jubilee staff began receiving the (Moderna) vaccine through the Montgomery County vaccination program on January 7, 2021. Jubilee is a health care provider licensed by the Maryland Department of Health. This enables Jubilee staff to be vaccinated in phase 1A of the Maryland vaccination plan.

When will people supported by Jubilee get the vaccine?

We are hosting three vaccination clinics, and the vaccines will be administered by CVS Pharmacy as part of phase 1B of the Maryland vaccination plan. CVS is providing the Pfizer vaccine, which is 95 percent effective. You will need two shots, 21 days apart. The dates for our vaccine clinics are as follows and each person we support will receive a time slot to arrive for their vaccine. If you have questions specific to your appointment, please speak to your program manager.

- Monday, February 1
- Monday, February 22
- Monday, March 15

Will family members and other people close to people supported by Jubilee get the vaccine?

Family members and friends who are not employed by Jubilee are not currently eligible for vaccines available to Jubilee.

Will family members working as temporary staff be able to get the vaccine?

Yes, all direct support professionals employed by Jubilee are eligible to get the vaccine.

Which vaccine is being given? Moderna or Pfizer?

Staff receiving the vaccine from Montgomery County have been getting the Moderna vaccine. The people we support will receive the Pfizer vaccine administered by CVS Pharmacy.



I am a guardian for someone receiving Jubilee services. What do I need to do to help them get the vaccine?

If you are a guardian for a person Jubilee supports, you will need to sign the vaccine consent form on behalf of your loved one. Jubilee will contact you to ask you to sign the form.

Is Jubilee requiring the vaccine for its staff and people they support?

We are not requiring vaccination, but we strongly encourage it. We expect most people to get the vaccine to protect themselves, their families and our community.

Is Jubilee keeping track of who gets vaccines?

Yes. If you are a DSP or receive services from Jubilee, please tell your Program Manager when you get each dose. If you are a non-DSP staff member, please tell your supervisor.

Who should I contact for more information about vaccines at Jubilee?

Submit your questions to covid@jubileemd.org. Please allow up to two business days for a response. If your question is specific to the vaccine appointment for a person we support, please contact your program manager.

I am hesitant about getting the vaccine and I want to talk about my concerns.

Please talk to your doctor about your personal medical issues if you have concerns if the vaccine is right for you based on your health status.

We want you to get vaccinated and be secure in the knowledge that you are doing the right thing for yourself, your family, and your community. Dr. Michael Greenberg, MD, has offered to help serve as a trusted resource for our community. Send us your general questions to covid@jubileemd.org and we will work to get you confidential answers.

How long does it take for the vaccine to be effective?

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines both require two doses. The vaccines do not reach full effectiveness until about two weeks after the second dose. The vaccine trials indicate 95 percent effectiveness when both doses are taken. You still may be infected or be a carrier even after being vaccinated, so it is critical that we continue to follow our safety protocols.

Do I need to get both doses of the vaccine?

You need both doses of the vaccine to achieve maximum protection from the virus. If you received your vaccine through the county, please follow up and schedule your second dose of the vaccine with the county.



Will normal activities begin after I get vaccinated? Will I still wear a mask and social distance?

The vaccine is the first step on our road to recovery. Jubilee will continue to follow [all safety protocols](#) to keep the people we support and our staff safe from the virus. It's possible a person could be infected even after getting the vaccine. Jubilee will continue to evaluate when it's safe to change our current protocols. We expect to be wearing masks until virus case counts reach very low levels.

I want to get the vaccine but I'm afraid of needles.

Jubilee will do everything we can to support our staff and the people we support during vaccination. The benefits of getting the vaccine far outweigh any momentary discomfort. If you need support while being vaccinated, contact your program manager. General questions can be sent to covid@jubileemd.org

I'm worried about the side effects of the vaccine.

Most people have minor or no side effects from the vaccine. Side effects are normal and show that your body is building protection from the virus. Common side effects include pain or swelling at the injection site, and possibly a low fever or headache. Side effects go away in a few hours or days.

What if I have an allergic reaction to the vaccine?

A very small number of people have had an allergic reaction to the vaccine. You are encouraged to wait at your vaccination site for at least 15 minutes in case of an allergic reaction.

Learn more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

Where can I learn more about the vaccine to educate myself?

It is important to get your information from trusted sources for science-based information. Talk to your doctor. Be alert to false and misleading information online. Only visit websites from trusted sources such as:

www.cdc.gov

www.vaccines.gov

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>