

Correcting Myths About the COVID-19 Vaccine

False information about the COVID-19 vaccine has been spreading online and in our communities. This fact sheet will address and correct the most common falsehoods about the COVID-19 vaccine.



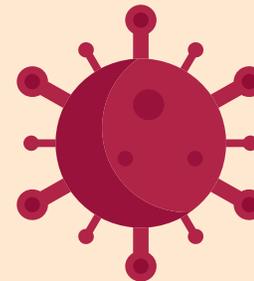
Myth #1: The COVID-19 vaccine will impact my pregnancy or fertility.

FALSE. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines can impact your pregnancy or ability to have a healthy child. COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for those who are trying to get pregnant, are pregnant, or might want to become pregnant in the future.



Myth #2: If you were sick with COVID-19 before, you don't need the vaccine.

NOT TRUE. The COVID-19 vaccine provides stronger, longer-lasting protection from the virus than prior infection. A 2021 CDC study found that those who were unvaccinated and had a recent infection were 5 times more likely to get COVID-19 than those who were recently fully vaccinated and did not have a prior infection.



Myth #3: The vaccines will not work on new strains of the virus.

WRONG AGAIN. There have been many different strains of COVID-19 since the vaccine was approved in December 2020. The vaccine has remained extremely effective against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from all strains of the virus, including Omicron.



Myth #4: Not much is known about the COVID-19 vaccine.

INCORRECT. Though the vaccine was developed in record time, the science behind it has been studied for decades. Since the vaccine was approved in winter 2020, there have been a record number of studies about its safety and effectiveness, making it the best-studied vaccine in history.