

The COVID-19 Vaccine & YOUTH

What should **teens & young adults** know about the vaccine?



▶ Am I eligible to receive the vaccine?

All people 12 years old and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Youth 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine and youth 18+ can receive the Moderna vaccine.

▶ Which vaccine am I eligible for?

Youth 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine and individuals 18+ can receive the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

▶ Does the vaccine have any side effects?

It is possible that some people may have minor side effects, but these are normal signs that your body is building protection.

▶ What are the benefits of getting the vaccine?

The vaccine will help keep you from getting sick from COVID-19 and the vaccines available in the US have been shown to be very effective.

▶ Where can I receive the vaccine?

Once you've found out that you're eligible for the vaccine, you can sign up for an appointment at [Vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov).

▶ Will I have to pay for the vaccine?

The vaccine is free to all individuals. You will never be asked for a credit card number to make an appointment.

▶ Will getting the vaccine affect a person's immigration status?

No. Getting the vaccine affect whether you're able to stay in the US, get a green card, or receive public benefits like housing or SNAP.

▶ Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No. The vaccine does not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that you cannot catch COVID-19 from the vaccine.

▶ What can I do if I'm unable to get vaccinated?

You can still mask up and practice social distancing to help lower your chance of getting the virus and spreading it to your loved ones.

▶ Where can I learn more about the vaccine?

You can learn more about your eligibility, how the vaccine works, the vaccine's effectiveness, and more at mass.gov/COVID19vaccine.

Learn more about the vaccine distribution at mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUTH