TN Department of Health

Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Tennessee Department of Health strongly recommends that everyone who is offered a vaccine gets a vaccine, though we all have the right to choose.

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Yes! We know these vaccines work and that they are safe. They have already been used in millions of people in the United States.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19?

No. The COVID-19 vaccines do not have the SARS-CoV-2 virus in them and cannot give you COVID-19.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine make me better if I am sick?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine can help prevent us from getting sick with COVID-19 but is not a treatment for the illness.

How many times will I need to get a vaccine?

The mRNA vaccines require two doses given three to four weeks apart, depending on the manufacturer. The Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose.

Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine booster?

Individuals ages 18 years and older who received a PfizerBioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after they complete the initial series.

If I already had COVID-19 should I get a vaccine?

People who have had COVID-19 should recover from their illness and be out of isolation before getting vaccinated. The risk of getting COVID-19 again right after the first illness is low but getting the shot will help keep you protected.

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