

VACCINE MYTHS BUSTED



MYTH:

"I've already had COVID-19, so I don't need to be vaccinated."



FACT:

Given the uncertainty about how long immunity lasts, it is important to still get the vaccine when it is available to you. You should get vaccinated even if you've had COVID-19.



MYTH:

"The genetic material in the vaccine will affect my DNA."



FACT:

COVID-19 mRNA vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.



MYTH:

"I've been vaccinated, so I can stop social distancing and wearing a mask."



FACT:

It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. We don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself.



MYTH:

"The COVID-19 variants are not covered by the vaccine."



FACT:

So far, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines recognize these variants. This is being closely investigated and more studies are underway.



MYTH:

"The vaccine could give me COVID-19."



FACT:

The COVID-19 vaccine is not a live vaccine and can not give you the virus.

SOURCES:

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