"I'm concerned the COVID-19 vaccines were rushed"

Vaccines using messenger RNA are built on decades of scientific research. The COVID-19 vaccines were created quickly but were carefully tested for safety. During the pandemic, countries worked together to fund and research the development of COVID-19 vaccines. This made it possible to make the vaccines in shorter time. No steps were missed in the process of developing, testing, approving, and producing the vaccines.

"I'm worried about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines"

The vaccines are safe—no shortcuts were taken in developing, testing, approving, and producing COVID-19 vaccines. Many people participated in clinical trails to test the vaccines. Now, millions of people around the world have safely received a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines continue to be carefully monitored for safety.

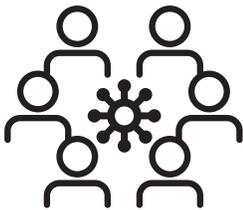## "I'm nervous about vaccine side effects"

COVID-19 vaccine side effects are temporary and do not mean you are sick. Common side effects from COVID-19 vaccines include pain at the injection site, body chills, feeling tired, and fever. As with all vaccines, there is a chance that there will be a serious side effect such as an allergic reaction, but these are rare.

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"I'm healthy and not worried about getting sick from COVID-19"

Healthy younger people can get seriously ill from COVID-19, including hospitalization and long-term complications.

"I'm going to wait to get the vaccine"

People may delay getting vaccinated for many reasons. Waiting too long to be vaccinated allows the virus to continue to spread in the community, and for new variants to develop that may cause even more illness and hospitalization. Severe COVID-19 can be dangerous—the sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner our community will be protected.

"I'm not getting vaccinated since I can still get COVID-19"

The COVID-19 vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed to it. Getting vaccinated will reduce the serious effects of COVID-19 illness and death.