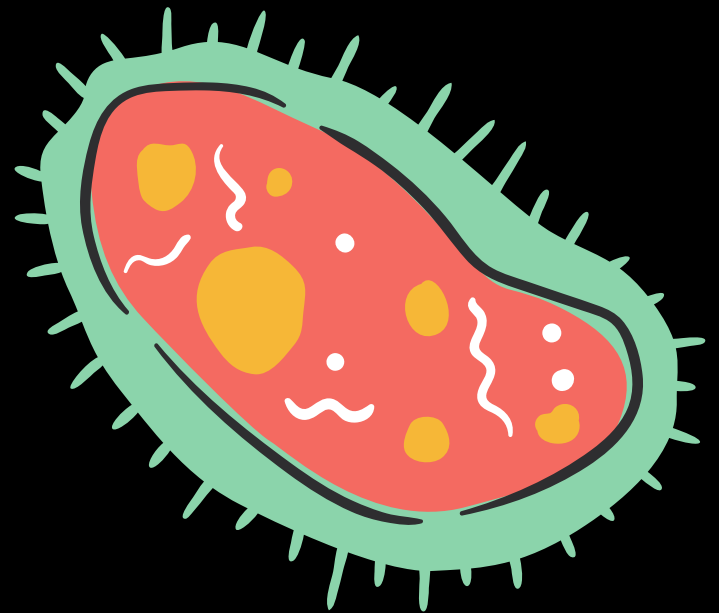




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COVID-19 Vaccine Myth busters



Information obtained from the Mayo Clinic Health System

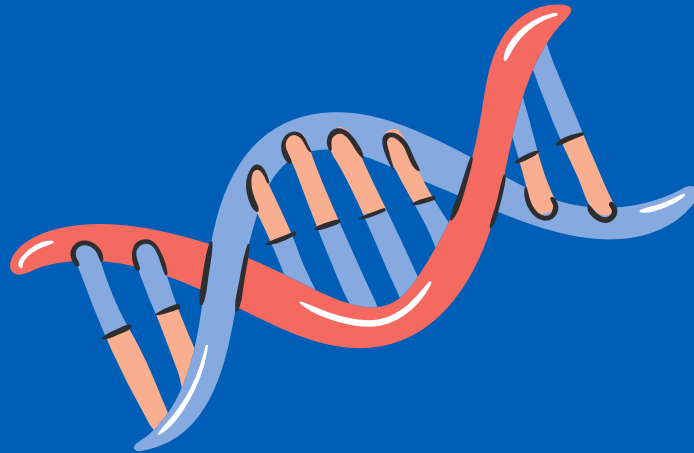
MYTH: The vaccine is unsafe because it was developed so quickly



**The vaccine is proven
safe and effective**

Although it was developed in record time, it has gone through the same rigorous FDA process as every other vaccine, meeting all safety standards. No steps were skipped.

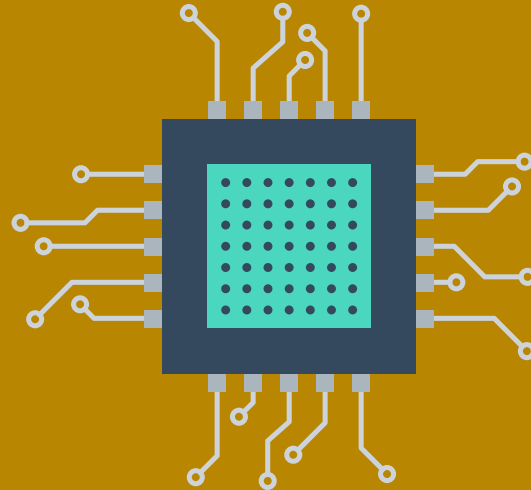
MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA



The vaccine uses a natural chemical, mRNA - molecules that carry genetic information

mRNA enters the cell but never the nucleus of the cell, which is where your DNA (genetic material) is kept, so it doesn't change your DNA.

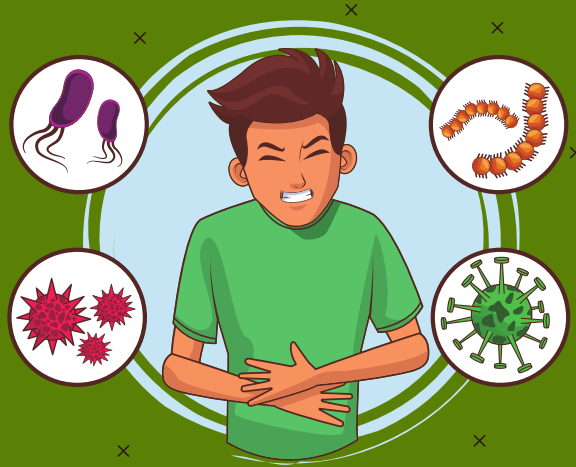
MYTH: The vaccine contains a tracking microchip



Vaccines do **NOT contain tracking devices or microchips**

Many people believe vaccinations are a vehicle to implant microchips into the population to allow shadowy elites to track their every move. This is untrue. In reality, our mobile phones already complete that task effortlessly.

MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine has severe side effects



Severe allergic reactions are extremely rare

It's normal after the vaccination to see skin redness, swelling or pain around the injection site. You might also have fever, headache, fatigue and/or aching limbs in the first three days after vaccination.

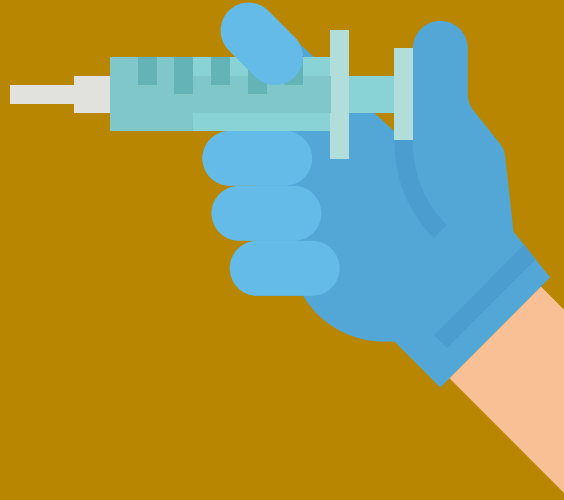
MYTH: People who have had COVID-19 do not need the vaccine



Even if you had COVID-19, you can still benefit from the vaccine

The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person.

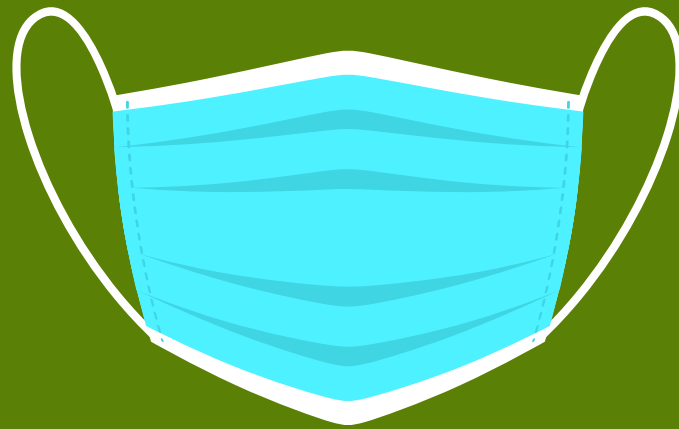
MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine can cause autism



**There is no connection between
the vaccine and autism**

Numerous studies have found no evidence to support the notion that vaccines cause autism and other chronic illnesses.

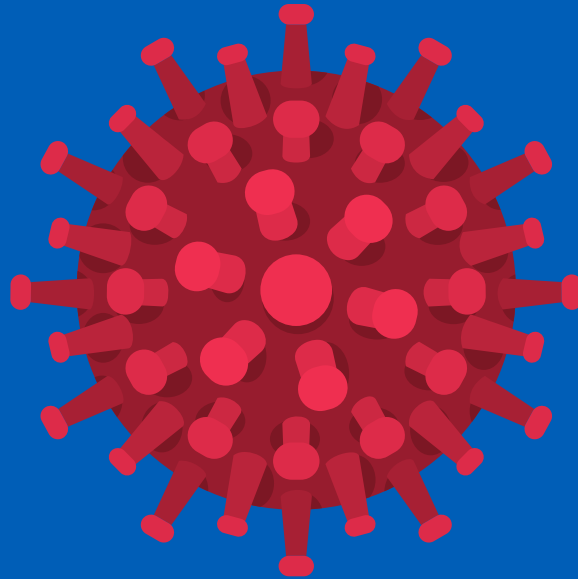
MYTH: After getting vaccinated, I no longer need to wear a mask



Masks, handwashing and social distance remain necessary

Until a sufficient number of people are immune. The best protection we can offer each other right now is to continue to follow current guidelines.

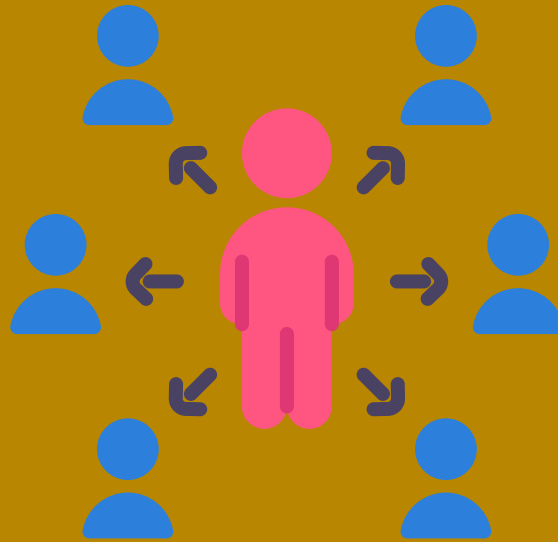
MYTH: You can get COVID-19 from the vaccine



The vaccine does **NOT contain the live virus that causes COVID-19**

The vaccine simply cannot infect you with COVID-19. You would not test positive for COVID-19 if you had the vaccine.

MYTH: I'm not at risk for severe complications of COVID-19, so I don't need the vaccine



You can still contract the infection and spread it to others

You may still be able to carry the virus and transmit it. The vaccination is not only to protect you but your family and community as well.

MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccine contains fetal tissue



There are no fetal cells used in any vaccine production process

Over the years, anti-vaxxers have spread rumors that vaccines contain fetal tissue. Neither the COVID-19 vaccines nor any other vaccine contains any tissue from fetuses.

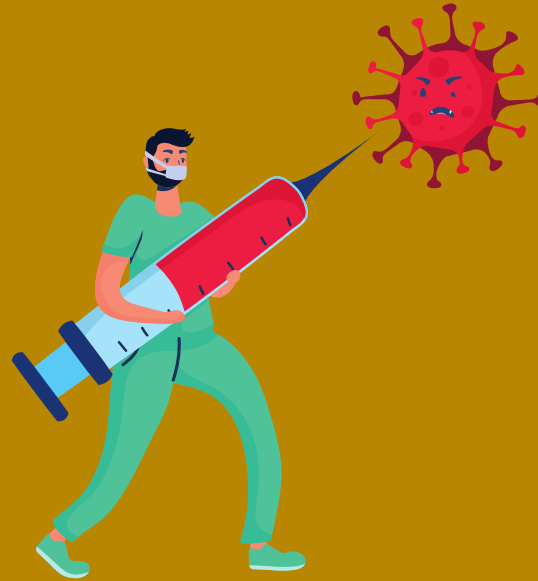
MYTH: People with preexisting conditions cannot take the vaccine



Preexisting conditions can increase the risk of developing more severe COVID-19 symptoms

Being vaccinated is even more important for people with preexisting health issues.

**MYTH: More people will die from the vaccine than
from COVID-19**



**Reactions are short-term and mild
without complication or injury**

Keep in mind that these side effects are indicators that your immune system is responding to the vaccine and are common when receiving vaccines.