The Facts About COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials

Are you still deciding whether to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

To help you make the decision that you believe is best for you, your family, and your community, here are some facts to help you make the decision that you believe is best for you, your family, and your community.

Did the clinical trials show that the vaccines are safe and effective?

Yes. Before vaccines were authorized for use in the United States, independent experts carefully reviewed data from each of the COVID-19 vaccines that were tested in clinical trials, and every government agency that makes such decisions recommended the vaccines based on that data.

How were the vaccines made so fast?

Clinical trials usually take about 10 years. Researchers from all over the world shared information about COVID-19 and some were already developing vaccines for other viruses. That sped up research and development.

The road to COVID-19 vaccines has been so fast because:

► Researchers from all over the world shared information about COVID-19 and some were already developing vaccines for other viruses.

► Infectious disease experts helped to guide the trials.

► Participants in the trials helped people to learn if the vaccines worked and were safe.

► The trial was broken up into two parts to quickly create COVID-19 vaccines, test them in clinical trials, and get vaccines to people as quickly as possible:

► Phase 1/2 trials quickly tested whether the vaccines were safe and widely effective in limited numbers of people. If they were, then:

► Phase 3 trials compared the vaccines to a placebo (a fake vaccine) to see which one prevented COVID-19 and how well.

Researchers in different parts of the world worked together.

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People of different races and ethnicities have had COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials. And of course, many people volunteered to participate in these trials.

Did COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials include diverse groups of people?

Yes. People from diverse racial, ethnic, and age groups were included in the development of the COVID-19 vaccines.

► Overall, the COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial participants were more diverse than the participants in trials for other vaccines and vaccines that were already in use.

► Although these numbers are from all around the world, the COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials included trial participants who were closer to the actual diversity of the population in the United States.

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► People of different races and ethnicities have had COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials.

► People of different ages were included in COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials.

► People with different health conditions were included in COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials.

► People from around the world have had COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials.

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Did you still have to get a vaccine and get vaccinated?

No. If you were in a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial, you had the option to get the vaccine that you expected to get in the trial or get a different vaccine. But no one in a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial got a placebo.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines:

► Visit the CDC Website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines to learn more about COVID-19 and the vaccines to help prevent COVID-19.

► See the facts on safety and effectiveness for COVID-19 vaccines from the World Health Organization (WHO) at www.who.int.

► Follow the timeline of options and facts about COVID-19 vaccines and what happened:

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► Follow these links to learn more:

Visit the CISCRP website at www.ciscrp.org to learn more about clinical trials and how they help develop the COVID-19 vaccines.

You still may not be sure if you want to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Many people have questions about getting the COVID-19 vaccine and are unsure about whether to get it.

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