

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



**Ron DeSantis**  
Governor

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State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

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**Looking for a COVID-19 vaccine in Franklin or Gulf?  
Your Healthcare system has you covered.**

Your local Department of Health (DOH) and other medical providers continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccine. If you would like to schedule with the health department, please call DOH-Franklin at (850)653-2111 or DOH-Gulf at (850)227-1276. COVID-19 vaccines are also available through Weems Memorial Hospital, Ascension Sacred Heart Gulf, PanCare of Florida, Inc., North Florida Medical Center and CVS in Port St. Joe.

**How well are Franklin and Gulf doing with vaccination efforts?  
Let's do a quick break down of age populations with some fun facts.**

In Franklin County, 45% of the population is age 50 or older. Of that 50 or older population, 60% have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

(Franklin population: 12,295 | Age 50 & older: 5,578 | Number of those age 50 & older with vaccine: 3,326)

In Gulf County, 50% of the population is age 50 or older. Of that 50 or older population, 50% have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

(Gulf population: 14,829 | Age 50 & older: 7,373 | Number of those age 50 & older with vaccine: 3,700)

**We want to continue to increase our vaccine numbers to protect our vulnerable populations.**

For questions about COVID-19 vaccines, talk to your medical provider. You can also call the health department to ask our clinical team questions. We are here for you! Be sure to check out the educational materials below that help answer commonly asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Positivity Data:

State positivity = 6%

**Franklin County** positivity for April 9-April 22 = 5% (11 positive cases out of 227 total tests)

**Gulf County** positivity for April 9-April 22 = 7% (21 cases out of 323 total tests).

**For COVID-19 profile reports, please visit:**

[http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/partners/covid19\\_report\\_archive/cases-monitoring-and-pui-information/county-report/county\\_reports\\_latest.pdf](http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/partners/covid19_report_archive/cases-monitoring-and-pui-information/county-report/county_reports_latest.pdf)

For **Franklin County** updates straight to your phone: text **FranklinCV19** to 888777.

For **Gulf County** updates straight to your phone text **GULFCOVID** to 888777.

# Why Get Vaccinated?

## To Protect Yourself, Your Coworkers, Your Patients, Your Family, and Your Community

- Building defenses against COVID-19 in this facility and in your community is a team effort. And **you** are a key part of that defense.
- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine adds **one more layer of protection** for you, your coworkers, patients, and family.



Here are ways you can **build people's confidence** in the new COVID-19 vaccines in your facility, your community, and at home:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** and enroll in the **v-safe** text messaging program to help CDC monitor vaccine safety.
- ✓ **Tell others why** you are getting vaccinated and encourage them to get vaccinated.
- ✓ **Learn how to have conversations** about COVID-19 vaccine with coworkers, family, and friends.



[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

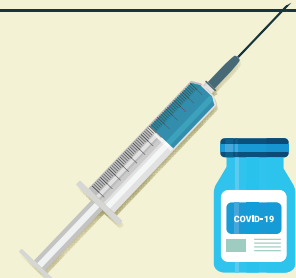
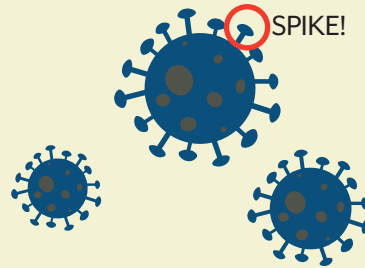
# Moderna & Pfizer vaccines—how do they work?

It's important to know that scientists had a head start making these COVID-19 vaccines.



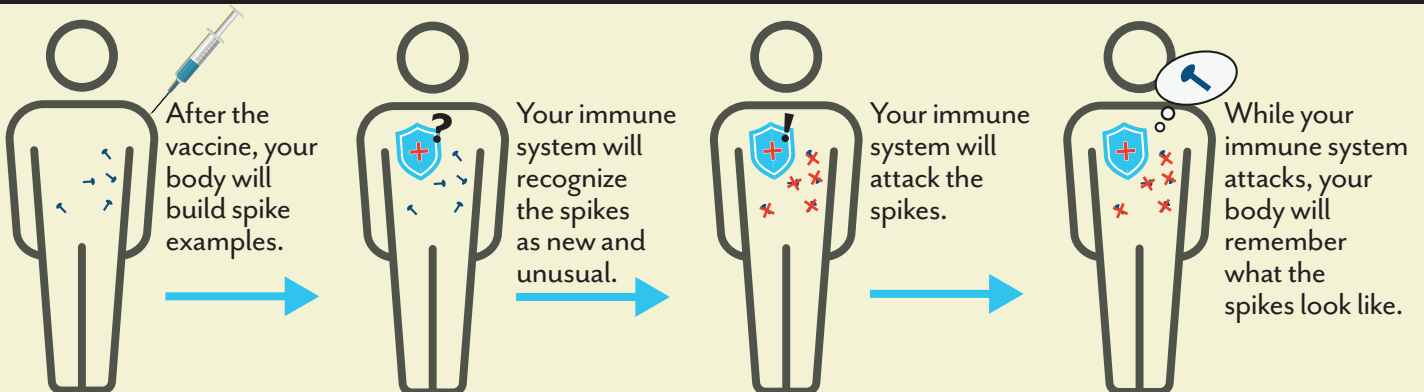
Scientists at the National Institutes of Health and the University of Pennsylvania started working on these vaccines after previous coronavirus outbreaks.

They isolated one part of the virus—the spike. This would help them make the vaccines.

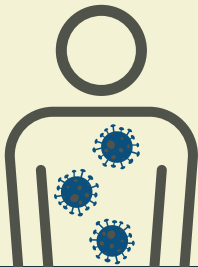


These COVID-19 vaccines are mRNA vaccines. Basically, they're instructions for bodies to make examples of COVID-19 spikes.

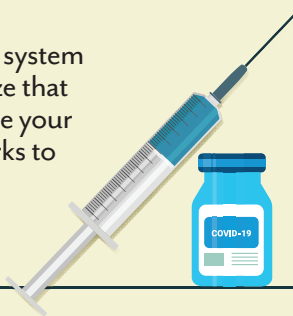
## HERE'S HOW THE VACCINE WORKS IN YOUR BODY



## THE SECOND SHOT HELPS THE VACCINE BECOME EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.



**Without vaccine**, your immune system won't be fast enough to recognize that the COVID-19 virus is bad. While your immune system desperately works to protect your body, the virus has plenty of time to spread and make you sick.



**With vaccine**, your body already knows to be on the lookout for the spike. If the virus enters your body, your immune system quickly gets to work destroying the virus.



**You won't get sick when your body builds spike examples because the spikes aren't virus.** The vaccine does NOT involve injecting you with the COVID-19 virus and it does NOT change your DNA or your genetic code.

**After vaccine, you might have some side effects—they will go away in a few days.** Side effects are normal signs your body is building protection. Side effects include:

- Pain and swelling on the arm with the shot.
- Fever, chills, tiredness and headache.



Visit [MyVaccine.FL.gov](https://www.myvaccine.fl.gov) for more information or to pre-register for vaccine at state-supported sites in your area.

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## If you've had COVID-19, you should still get the vaccine because:

Experts don't know how long you're protected from getting COVID-19. It's possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again.



## COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, but there are situations when you should wait to be vaccinated.

Learn more about CDC guidance for when you can be around others after having COVID-19. Visit [CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html), or use your smart phone to scan the code.



- You're having COVID-19 symptoms.
- You're recovering from COVID-19 and had symptoms—wait until you've met CDC guidance for when you can be around others.
- You're recovering from COVID-19 and never had symptoms—wait until you've met CDC guidance for when you can be around others.
- You've had one dose of vaccine, but got infected before your second dose—get the second dose after you've met CDC guidance for when you can be around others.
- You were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma—wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine, and talk to your doctor if you're unsure about your treatment or if you have other questions about the vaccine.

