



# FACT SHEET

## Moderna-Spikevax COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits & Risks

**Understand the risks and benefits of receiving the two-dose Moderna-Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine, which may prevent you from getting COVID-19. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions.**

### WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS VACCINE?

The Moderna-Spikevax vaccine is recommended for people 18 years and older.

### ABOUT THIS VACCINE

This vaccine has been fully approved by the FDA for those 18 years and older. This vaccine is a two-dose series, given 28 days apart, injected into the muscle.

#### Before Getting the Vaccine

Tell the vaccination provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any allergies
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- are pregnant, breastfeeding, or plan to become pregnant
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine

### RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS VACCINE

**General Side Effects:** Side effects reported with this vaccine include injection site reactions, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever.

**Severe Allergic Reaction:** There is a remote chance the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, swelling of face and throat, fast heartbeat, bad rash all over your body, dizziness, weakness), which would usually occur a few minutes to one hour after getting the dose.

### BENEFITS OF THIS VACCINE

COVID 19-vaccines effectively lower your risk of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

### WHY DO I NEED A BOOSTER?

Recent data suggest all COVID-19 vaccines become less effective at preventing infection or severe illness over time, especially for people ages 65 years and older.

Those who received a primary series of the Moderna-Spikevax vaccine should get a booster dose of either of the mRNA vaccines—Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty or Moderna-Spikevax—at least 5 months after completing the primary series.

### YOU SHOULD NOT GET THIS VACCINE IF:

You had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine: messenger ribonucleic acid (mrna), lipids (sm-102, polyethylene glycol [peg] 2000 dimyristoyl glycerol [dmg], cholesterol, and 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [dspc]), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate trihydrate, and sucrose.

### If you experience a severe allergic reaction:

Call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Call the vaccination provider or your health care provider if you have persistent or unexpected side effects.

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