

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Outreach Worker's Guide

Instructions for using this fotonovela

Before handing out the fotonovela, ask the initial discussion questions. You can use the Q&A section below to clear up any doubts that arise during that conversation.

After the initial discussion, hand out the fotonovela. If the recipient has time, read it with them. You can answer any questions they have about the contents using the Q&A. Finally, ask the wrap-up questions and clear up any remaining confusion or doubts.

Initial discussion questions

- How do you feel about you or your family getting the COVID-19 vaccine?
- What kinds of things have you heard about the vaccine?
- Do you know where to go to get the vaccine or to learn more about it?

Wrap-up questions

- How do you feel about the COVID-19 vaccine now?
- Is anything still worrying you?
- Is there anything else you'd like to know about the vaccine?

Common Questions and Answers About the COVID-19 Vaccine

- **Q: How does the vaccine help my body?**
 - A: The vaccine helps your body's immune system build protection against the coronavirus. That way, if you do get COVID, you don't get as sick.
- **Q: Is the vaccine safe?**
 - A: Yes! The vaccine went through an extensive approval process with thousands of people.
- **Q: Will it give me COVID?**
 - A: No! The vaccine doesn't contain any live virus. It contains instructions for how your body can protect itself using antibodies.
- **Q: Does the vaccine have side effects?**

- A: Some people do experience side effects. You may have arm pain, headaches, or you may feel like you have the flu. That's normal--it means your body is training to protect itself. Just like when you're exercising, training can make you sore and tired. Side effects should go away within a couple of days.
- A: The vaccine will NOT affect your ability to have a child.
- **Q: Can I stop wearing my mask and social distancing once I am vaccinated?**
 - A: No! Not everyone has been vaccinated, and even if *you* are protected from COVID-19, you still may be able to spread the virus to others--scientists aren't sure yet. Until we know, we have to keep others safe and practice prevention.
- **Q: Who can get the vaccine?**
 - A: Anyone currently in the United States can get the vaccine, regardless of immigration status.
- **Q: How do I get the vaccine?**
 - A: People will get the vaccine at different times depending on the state. Call your local health center or clinic to figure out when it will be your turn and what you need to bring with you.
- **Q: Will my vaccine information be shared with others?**
 - A: Your vaccine information will not be shared with immigration (ICE). ICE will not be at vaccination sites, either.
- **Q: How much does it cost?**
 - A: The vaccine is free.
- **Q: Do I need health insurance to get the vaccine?**
 - A: No. If you don't have health insurance, the government will pay the administrative fees for the vaccine.
- **Q: Is there anyone who shouldn't get the vaccine?**
 - A: If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have recently had COVID, talk to your local health center to find out when you should get the vaccine.
 - A: Talk to your local health center before getting the vaccine if:
 - You have had a severe allergic reaction *to a vaccine* in the past.
 - If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
 - If you are immunocompromised
 - If you take medication for blood clots.
- **Q: If I've already had COVID-19, do I still need the vaccine?**

- A: Yes. Scientists do not know how long immunity from infection with coronavirus lasts, and it can be different for everyone. So, receiving the vaccine can extend your immunity.
- **Q: Once I've been vaccinated, am I 100% protected from getting COVID-19?**
 - A: No. Just like the flu vaccine, the COVID vaccine might not totally prevent you from getting COVID, but it is much more likely that you won't become seriously ill.



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