

COVID-19 Vaccine (Two Dose) Educational Material and Consent Form

Patient name _____

Facility name _____

Name of provider conducting informed consent _____

Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine(s)

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) is the virus that causes a disease called COVID-19. The SARS-CoV-2 virus is passed from person to person mostly by small droplets. These droplets come from the nose or mouth when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. Some people who are infected have no symptoms. Others have mild symptoms such as a cough and extreme tiredness. Other people have severe disease and may even die. COVID-19 has caused a worldwide pandemic.

If you have been treated for COVID-19 symptoms with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

There are now vaccines for COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not know how long protection lasts for those who get infected or those who are vaccinated. If you get a vaccine, it does not guarantee you will not get COVID-19. This means that any symptoms you may develop may be less severe. You may not need to go to the hospital or get treatment. The CDC does not recommend co-administration of other vaccines, such as the flu vaccine, with this vaccine. It is recommended to be given either 14 days before or after the COVID-19 vaccine.

At this time, the COVID-19 vaccines are given in two doses. To get the most protection, ***you need to get both doses***. If you do not get both doses, then the vaccine may not provide protection. Your second vaccine dose will be scheduled when you receive your first vaccine.

Risks and Common Problems

There are risks linked to this vaccine, which include but are not limited to:

- chills, fever, and headache;
- joint pain and muscle aches;
- nausea and vomiting;
- fatigue and feeling sick;
- swollen lymph nodes;
- redness and swelling at the injection site (these are common and could happen up to four hours after your shot);
- a vasovagal response (where you may feel faint); and
- feeling pain or soreness at the injection site.

These problems may start one to two days after the vaccine is given. Most will get better after three days or sooner and are a sign that your immune system is working.

All vaccines can cause side effects. Problems that are not expected may happen. These problems may be life threatening, such as swelling of your tongue or throat. If you have any severe symptoms after the vaccine, seek medical attention immediately.

Other Choices

If you decide not to take the vaccine and get exposed to the virus, then you may have more severe symptoms of COVID-19. You may get very sick and need to go to the hospital.

More Facts

You will get the vaccine through a shot. In adults, the needle will be put into the muscle in the upper arm. For children, the shot may be given in a different part of the body, such as the thigh. **You will be asked to stay at the vaccine location for at least 15 minutes after you get your shot.** Studies show that 70% of allergic reactions will take place within 15 minutes and 90% will take place within 30 minutes.

The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 and getting the vaccine is a safer way to build up immunity.

If you cannot complete both vaccine shots, then please call our office so that we can learn why and help you to understand why getting the second shot is very important.

Vaccination of Pregnant or Lactating Women

Based on what we know at this time from the CDC, pregnant women are at a higher risk for severe sickness from COVID-19 compared to non-pregnant women. Currently, there are few data facts on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant women.

There are no data facts on the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in lactating people or the effects of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines on the breastfed infant or milk production/excretion. mRNA vaccines are not thought to be a risk to the breastfeeding infant.

According to the CDC,

A pregnant or lactating person who is part of a group recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., healthcare personnel) may choose to be vaccinated.

Consent to Treatment

This consent form told you about the COVID-19 vaccine and its most common risks. If, after reviewing this form, you do not believe that you understand the risks and your choices, then **do not sign the form until all your questions have been answered.**

I have given my provider an updated medical history.

I understand the facts provided to me in this consent form and it is my choice to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I give my consent for a COVID-19 vaccine. By signing below, I agree that the staff/doctor has discussed the facts in this form with me, that no one has given me any guarantee about the vaccine, that I have had a chance to ask questions, and that all of my questions have been answered.

I agree I was given a copy of the vaccine fact sheet today.

The CDC guidelines advise anyone with a history of allergies to polysorbate or polyethylene glycol, which is commonly found in laxatives, should not take this vaccine. This also includes those who had a severe (anaphylaxis) reaction to a first dose.

I have ___ no known drug allergies **or** ___ the drug allergies listed below:

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Date and Time

Relationship to Patient (if Responsible Party is not Patient)

Witness

Date and Time