Why is it important to get vaccinated against COVID-19?

The vaccination process has begun and vaccines are available for people over the age of 16 in Puerto Rico and the United States. The COVID-19 vaccines:

• Help keep you from getting sick or seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.
• Protect community members around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
• Are the safest way to build protection for you and your loved ones.
• Are safe and effective. Clinical trials results have shown this to be true. Their use would not be authorized if they weren’t deemed safe.
• Produce immunity in your body against the virus.
• Do not cause you to get sick with COVID-19. After getting vaccinated, you might have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection.
• Are an important tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19 — along with wearing a mask, staying six feet (2 meters) away from other people who are not from your household, avoiding crowds, and washing your hands frequently.

For more information, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus

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