



What Fully Vaccinated People Need to Know

COVID-19 vaccines work well to prevent you from getting and spreading COVID-19. They're nearly 100% effective at preventing hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

Once you're fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.

When is someone fully vaccinated?

You're fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine:

- 2 weeks after your second shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.
- 2 weeks after your one and only shot of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

What can fully vaccinated people do?

- According to CDC, if you're fully vaccinated, you DON'T have to wear a mask indoors or outdoors in public (except in health care settings), and you DON'T have to keep your distance from other people.
- Vaccinated and unvaccinated people must still follow federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial laws, rules, and regulations. That includes public transportation, airport/airplane, local business, and workplace guidance.
- Also, if you have a medical condition or you take medicines that weaken your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected from COVID-19 even if you're fully vaccinated. Talk to your health care provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking precautions.

What should unvaccinated people do to protect themselves and others from COVID-19?

Until you're fully vaccinated, you should continue to:

- Wear a mask when you're inside public places.
- Stay at least 6 feet (that's 2 arm lengths) apart from people who don't live with you and who may not be vaccinated.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water aren't available.

Public health officials continue to update recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. For the latest guidance, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).