

COVID-19 Vaccine | Screening and Counseling Guide



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Quick Reference	
Contraindication	
Severe allergic rxn to COVID-19 vaccine Patients with a history of severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to a previous dose or component (<i>i.e.</i> polyethylene glycol) of the COVID-19 vaccine product	Do NOT Vaccinate
Precaution	
Severe allergic rxn to vaccine, injectable therapy History of severe allergic reaction after receiving another vaccine or other injectable medication	Vaccinate with caution: Counsel about unknown risks of developing a severe allergic reaction; defer following risk assessment if needed Observe patient for 30 minutes following administration
History of allergic rxn to anything else History of allergic reactions, including severe reactions, NOT related to vaccines or injectable therapies (latex, food, medications, chemicals etc). Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines do not contain eggs, shellfish, latex or preservatives	Vaccinate with caution: Counsel about unknown risks of developing severe allergic reaction Observe patient for 30 minutes following administration. *Standard observation of 15 minutes recommended for other vaccine recipients
Active acute illness (non COVID-19) Persons with symptoms of moderate or severe acute illness	Defer vaccine until symptoms have improved and no fever for 24 hours
Persons diagnosed with COVID-19 in last 14 days (with or without symptoms)	Defer vaccine until: minimum 10 days from symptom onset AND 24 hour fever free without medication AND other symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath improving (loss of taste may persist for weeks, months) No minimum interval between resolved infection and vaccination
Persons identified as close contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19	Community/outpatient setting: Defer vaccine for 10 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congregate healthcare/LTCF: May vaccinate without delay
Persons who received passive antibody therapy for COVID-19 (convalescent plasma or monoclonal antibodies for COVID-19 treatment only)	Defer vaccine minimum 90 days from treatment to avoid treatment interference *Does not apply to monoclonal antibody therapy for other indications
Coadministration with other vaccines Persons who have received any other vaccines in the last 14 days	Defer COVID-19 vaccination for 14 days from receipt of last vaccine. COVID-19 vaccine should be administered alone except in cases when benefits of vaccination outweigh risks (wound management, vaccination for outbreaks or in LTCF) * Does not apply to Tb/TST test
Clinical Considerations	
Underlying medical conditions	Not a contraindication; may vaccinate
Immunocompromised	Not a contraindication; may vaccinate Inform patients about potential for reduced vaccine efficacy
Pregnancy	Not a contraindication; may vaccinate- limited safety data; Refer to healthcare provider for questions if undecided Counsel vaccine recipients to treat fever with acetaminophen if fever occurs post-vaccination
Guillian-Barre Syndrome (GBS) or Bell's Palsy history	Not a contraindication; may vaccinate
Lactation	Not a contraindication; may vaccinate
Patient Counseling and Education	
Patient Counseling	Expected side effects and report anything expected, worsening, or unresolving to VAERS/VSAFE Importance of series completion, unless contraindication Vaccine protection not immediate; does not cause COVID-19 Continue prevention measures after vaccinated
Post-vaccination patient education	EUA Fact Sheet, Vaccine Dose Card, VSafe flyer

NOTE: The following information is to be used as a guide. For complete and up to date clinical information; refer to the most current CDC and ACIP Immunization Schedule. Consult vaccine-specific EUA Fact Sheet and vaccine administration and dispensing policies.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>, Accessed 12/17/20.
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pfizer-biontech-vaccine-what-clinicians-need-to-know.pdf>, Accessed 12/17/20.
Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet, Moderna EUA Fact Sheet, Accessed 12/20/20.
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html?CDC_AA_revised=https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/Pfizer/Clinical-considerations.html