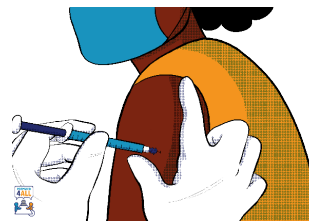


# Why Do I Need to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

A vaccine is a special shot that people get to help their bodies fight off a virus. There are different vaccines that people can get to protect them from different viruses. Right now, the COVID-19 vaccine is a very important vaccine for me to get. The COVID-19 vaccine is a very helpful way that I can protect my body. If I get the COVID-19 vaccine, it will help my body to not get so sick if I get a COVID-19 virus.

I might feel something called a side effect after I get a shot. This is normal. Different people have different side effects. My arm might be sore, or I might feel tired for a day or two. I should ask the person giving me my vaccine what side effects I might feel and who I should talk to if I have questions after I get my vaccine.



There are different places that I can go to get a vaccine. I could go to my doctor's office, a drugstore, like CVS or Walgreens, or the health department. I can tell my family or support person that I want to get the COVID-19 vaccine and they can help me find a place to get it. I will probably need to make an appointment to get my vaccine. Getting my COVID-19 vaccine is a great way for me to protect my body and stay healthy.



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