

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

Screening Questions

1. Are you feeling ill today?

2. Have you had a previous COVID -19 infection?

- Health Care Providers: Current evidence suggests reinfection is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection, therefore immunization with COVID-19 vaccine may be delayed until 90 days following the confirmed infection if the infection occurred before the first COVID-19 vaccine dose. However, if this is not feasible, these individuals may be immunized before the 90 days.
- Health Care Providers who develop COVID-19 infection between receiving doses 1 and 2 of their COVID-19 vaccine series, then the 90 day deferral does not apply and the second dose should be provided as long as they have recovered from the acute illness and criteria have been met for them to discontinue isolation.
- Residents of Long Term Care Facilities and Personal Care Homes, and persons aged 80 years and older living in the community should be immunized regardless of whether and when they had COVID-19 infection as long as they have recovered from their acute illness and have no other contraindications.

3. Are you pregnant, could you be pregnant or are you planning on becoming pregnant before receiving both doses of the vaccine?

- The vaccine has not yet been studied well enough in pregnant women. If they are at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and of developing severe disease they should discuss these risks with their health care provider to make a decision about vaccination.
- The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) published a statement regarding mRNA COVID-19 vaccines and pregnancy which states: For individuals who are at high risk of infection and/or morbidity from COVID-19, it is the SOGC's position that the documented risk of not getting the COVID-19 vaccine outweighs the theorized and undescribed risk of being vaccinated during pregnancy or while breastfeeding and vaccination should be offered.
- Because of scientific uncertainty, it would be prudent to delay pregnancy by 28 days or more after the administration of the complete two-dose vaccine series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

4. Are you breastfeeding?

- The vaccine has not yet been studied well enough in breastfeeding women. If they are at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and of developing severe disease, they should discuss these risks with their health care provider to make a decision about vaccination.
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5. Are you allergic to any components in the vaccine including polyethylene glycol (PEG) ?

- Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can be found in some products such as cosmetics, skin care products, laxatives, cough syrups, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, and some foods and drinks.

6. Do you have any problems with your immune system or are you taking any medications/treatment that can affect your immune system (e.g., high dose steroids, chemotherapy)?

- The vaccine has not yet been studied well enough in people with immune system problems. If they are at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and of developing severe disease they should discuss these risks with their health care provider to make a decision about vaccination.

7. Do you have an autoimmune disease?

- The vaccine has not yet been studied well enough in people with autoimmune diseases. If they are at high risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and of developing severe disease they should discuss these risks with their health care provider to make a decision about vaccination.

8. Have you received another vaccine (not a COVID-19 vaccine) in the past 14 days?

- An interval of 14 days from another vaccine is needed before receiving COVID-19 vaccine.
- Recommend waiting 28 days after the last COVID -19 vaccine before receiving other vaccines.

9. Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking any medications that could affect blood clotting?

- If yes, apply direct pressure (without rubbing) to the injection site for 5 minutes or longer following immunization.

10. Have you ever felt faint or fainted after a past vaccination or medical procedure?

- If yes, consider having them lie down for the immunization.

11. If this is your second dose, did you have any side effects after the first dose?

- If client had a serious or allergic reaction to your last COVID-19 vaccine, they should not be vaccinated until it is determined to be safe by an allergist or other health care provider.