The COVID-19 vaccine, as well as testing and treatments, is safe, free, and will not affect your immigration status or applications. Everyone ages 12 and over can now get a free COVID-19 vaccine regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Please see these informational videos in Spanish to learn more about why it is important to get vaccinated.

Q: Why is it so urgent for me to get vaccinated?

A: We need as many people vaccinated as possible to prevent further spread of the virus. If only a few people are vaccinated, the virus continues to spread, but if the majority of people are vaccinated, the virus dies out. At the moment, cases are rising due to the Delta variant, which is why we need people to get vaccinated and avoid the spread of new variants.

Q: If I am undocumented, will the authorities report me if I get the vaccine?

A: No one will report your immigration status. You do not have to worry about your family’s or your own immigration status when getting the vaccine.

Q: Could there be long term effects caused by the vaccine? Could my health decline in the future because of being vaccinated?

A: No. It is not true that the vaccine will cause you to die in 10 years or cause long-term effects. Many people throughout the world have already been vaccinated and have experienced few or no side effects. The side effects of the vaccine are much less serious than the symptoms of COVID-19. You are much more likely to get sick or be hospitalized from the COVID-19 virus than from the vaccine.

Q: How does the vaccine work?

A: The vaccine sends information throughout your body to tell it how to fight the virus in the future. If your body contracts COVID in the future, it will quickly recognize the virus and know how to fight it
The vaccine is not 100% sure to prevent you from catching the virus, but if you do get sick, there is much less risk of ending up in the hospital or dying.

**Q:** Will the vaccine give me COVID? Does the vaccine use the live virus?

**A:** No. It is not possible to contract COVID from the vaccine. The vaccine is not the same as the virus itself. The vaccine does not contain any of the living COVID-19 virus.

**Q:** Will the vaccine place a microchip in my body?

**A:** No. The vaccine does not contain microchips, and there is no microchip in existence that is small enough to fit inside a vaccine.

**Q:** Is it necessary to get vaccinated if I already had COVID-19?

**A:** It is important to remember that even though you may have had COVID, and have built antibodies against it, it is not certain how long those antibodies will protect you or whether they can protect you from COVID in the long term. Also, you can still be a carrier for COVID and transmit it to others.

**Q:** I'm afraid the vaccine will prevent me from having children. Could my fertility or reproductive health be affected by the vaccine?

**A:** No. The vaccine will not affect your fertility. It is recommended that pregnant women get vaccinated to protect themselves and their children.

**Q:** Will my body be changed by the vaccine? Could this vaccine change my DNA?

**A:** No. The only change will be to your immune system. The information transmitted through your body by the vaccine does not enter the nucleus of your cells, which is where your DNA is found. Your DNA will not be altered in any form.

**Q:** What if the vaccine makes me sick when I have to work?

**A:** Many people experience more symptoms after the second vaccine, but it is much less severe than contracting COVID-19. You can take Tylenol or Ibuprofen after getting vaccinated to ease your symptoms.

**Q:** Do I need to pay to get the vaccine?
A: The vaccine is free, safe, and will not affect your immigration status or applications. If you are asked any questions regarding your health insurance, it is not because you will be charged through your insurance, but rather for datakeeping purposes.

Q: Why should I get vaccinated if I am not worried about contracting the virus?

A: Even if you are a young or healthy person, you should still get vaccinated. It is still possible that you and others around you may become very sick from the virus. Being young and/or healthy is no excuse to not get vaccinated.