

# COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS YOU CAN USE

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To keep you well informed, over the coming weeks, you can expect to regularly receive an issue of Vaccine News You Can Use from us. We'll be sharing the latest vaccine news and updates, answering your questions, and dispelling myths and rumors about the vaccines. We'll also be sending around letters, videos, tips, and answers to frequently asked questions as we orchestrate vaccination for our residents and team members.

## THE HEADLINE

It is important to make sure you get your information from reputable and updated places.

## ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

**I want to be informed and do my own research about COVID-19.**

- That's great! It's up to each of us—as critical readers—to determine the bias and the source of what we read, especially online.
- It's very important to evaluate the information you find for timeliness, accuracy, and bias. See below for methods to evaluate information and some recommended sources of information about COVID-19.

**How do I fact check information?**

- False or misleading information is nothing new, but the internet has made these bogus stories reach more people more quickly. Here are a few steps to ensure you're not being tricked by fake information:
  - Read past the headline. Headlines are designed to be provocative. Read the whole article before being convinced.
  - Check the author. Is it a real person? Do they have the authority to inform about the subject of the article?
  - Find the support. Does the article reference a law or speech? Look them up and see if it's true.
  - Check the date. Some false information isn't totally fake, but is rather old information pretending to be new.
  - Check your biases. What other articles have been posted by the source of the information? Are they reliable?
  - Consult the experts. Fact checking can take more time than we have. That's why it's good to use professional fact checking websites like the ones listed later in this issue.
- An easy way to remember how to fact check is the "SMART" method:
  - Source: Who or what is the source?
  - Motive: Why do they say what they do?
  - Authority: Who wrote the story?
  - Review: Is there anything included that jumps out as potentially untrue?
  - Two-Source Test: How does it compare to another source?

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