

# COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS YOU CAN USE

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*New Perspective*

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

The vaccines have been administered millions of times, and they're still safe.

## ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

### How many people have received a COVID-19 vaccine?

- Worldwide, more than 71.3 million doses have been administered in 57 countries. As of the date of this issue, 3.57 million doses are given each day.
- In the United States alone, more than 24.5 million shots have been given since December 14<sup>th</sup>. In the last week, an average of 1.27 million doses per day were administered.

### How many people have had severe adverse effects, like anaphylaxis or death?

- In the first 20 million vaccinations in the United States, 60 cases (or 0.0003% of vaccinations) of anaphylaxis were documented. Even among those that did experience it, 17 individuals had a documented history of allergies or allergic reactions, and seven had a history of anaphylaxis.
- Millions of doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine have been administered in the U.S., U.K., and some other countries with zero deaths reported due to the vaccine.

### Are more vaccines coming?

- Absolutely! Not only has the U.S. placed an order for an additional 200 million doses of vaccine (bringing the total to 400 million doses), split between Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech, but other vaccine manufacturers are nearing completion of their clinical trials.
- Johnson & Johnson are finishing their final clinical trials for a single-dose vaccine that only requires standard refrigeration. We expect results from their clinical trials any day, but early data indicates the vaccine is at least 90% effective. 100 million doses have been preemptively purchased by the U.S.
- AstraZeneca has a vaccine already approved for use in some countries (not yet the U.S.) that has proven to be at least 70% effective. This vaccine also only requires standard refrigeration. 300 million doses have been preemptively purchased by the U.S.
- Novavax is in the mid-to-final stages of clinical trials. The data from these clinical trials is expected in early spring. 110 million doses have been preemptively purchased by the U.S.

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