

COVID-19 Vaccination Translation Project

Language: English

Did you know?

1. The COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to be highly effective at preventing illness and it is an important tool in the fight against the pandemic. The combination of getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and social distancing will offer the best protection from COVID-19. This information was brought to you by the Mass.gov Department of Public Health.

Here are some common symptoms which are normal: Sore arm, redness, swelling, tiredness, headaches, muscle pain, fever, nausea, body chills. If you experience any other symptoms or if they last for more than a few days, call your primary care provider.

2. You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, an ID, driver's license or a Social Security number. These documents are not required.

If you are denied vaccination or have any other issue, please contact the Attorney General Civil Rights Division 617-963-2917 or file a complaint online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-civil-rights-complaint>.

If someone asks for your insurance, an ID, driver's license or a Social Security number, you can say no. You are not required to show these documents in order to get vaccinated in MA.

3. Getting the vaccine will not impact your immigration status. The federal government has confirmed that it will not consider COVID-19 treatment (including a vaccine) as part of a determination of a person's immigration status.
4. The vaccine itself is free for all individuals who live, work and study in Massachusetts over the age of 12 years old, including undocumented immigrants. The vaccine is being provided free of charge to all individuals by the federal government. You do not need to be insured to receive the vaccine. You will never be asked for a credit card number to make an appointment.

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5. If you previously had COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you should wait to be vaccinated until your isolation period has ended, usually 10 days after symptoms started or, if you didn't have symptoms, 10 days after your test was positive.
6. Your vaccination record will be protected from disclosure. The Department of Public Health will maintain an electronic record of each patient in Massachusetts who receives the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine database is kept confidential like a patient's medical record with their doctor. If you choose to provide documentation (insurance, an ID, driver's license or a Social Security number), your information will be kept confidential.

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