

# FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES



## **CAN A COVID-19 VACCINE MAKE ME SICK WITH COVID-19?**

No, none of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine CANNOT make you sick with COVID-19.

## **AFTER GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE, WILL I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 ON A VIRAL TEST?**

No, neither of the recently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines can cause you to test positive on viral tests. You can test positive to COVID-19 if you were previously carrying the virus.

## **IF I HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 AND RECOVERED, DO I STILL NEED TO GET VACCINATED WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Yes, due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible. Vaccine should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection.

## **WILL A COVID-19 VACCINATION PROTECT ME FROM GETTING SICK WITH COVID-19?**

Yes, COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19.

## **IS VACCINATION MANDATORY?**

No, but it is highly recommended that you get vaccinated.

## **IS THE VACCINE SAFE?**

Yes, the vaccine has passed its clinical trials and has received approval from Health Canada.

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