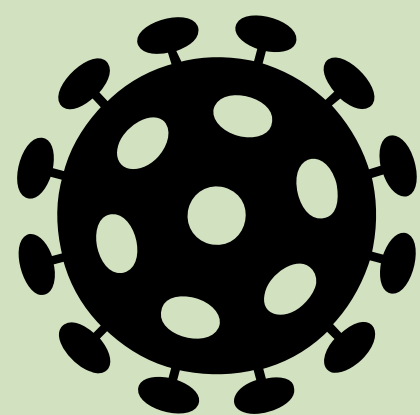# COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

Vaccine Development

- Vaccines have already been created for coronaviruses similar to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), **so** a lot of the work was already done.

- All vaccines have gone through the same steps to show safety and effectiveness.

- Many steps occurred at the same time (e.g., vaccines were being made while testing was taking place). No steps were skipped.

- Collaboration between medical experts and researchers, along with plentiful funding helped to bring vaccines to the public sooner.

Vaccine Safety

- Millions of people have received COVID-19 vaccines safely.

- The vaccines met the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) rigorous scientific standards for safety and effectiveness.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and recommended for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or who want to get pregnant in the future.

- None of the COVID-19 vaccines can change your DNA (genetic material) or make you sick with COVID-19 illness.

COVID-19 disease has unequally affected many racial and ethnic minority groups, putting them more at risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is one of the best ways to protect yourself from this serious disease.

COVID-19 vaccines:

- *Prevent severe disease*, *hospitalization,* and death

- Protect you and those around you

- Help you to start doing more activities like dining with friends and traveling

- Give us a chance to help end this pandemic

- Are recommended for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future

Vaccines are available to all New Jerseyans for free, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

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