WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AFTER YOU GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE

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COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. You can get very sick from COVID-19. It can make it hard for you to breathe.

There are vaccines to help your body fight COVID-19. A vaccine is a shot in the arm. This fact sheet will help you understand how to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

You might not feel well for a few days after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You might feel tired, have sore muscles, or have a mild fever. This is good. It means that the COVID-19 vaccine is working.

You can report how you are feeling through an application called v-safe. Learn more about v-safe on https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html. Call your doctor if you have questions.

Some people may have severe side-effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. An example is having trouble breathing. This is very rare. If this happens, tell somebody and call 911 or go to the emergency room.

Some COVID-19 vaccines require you to get a second dose. The timing of the second dose depends on which vaccine you got. The second dose makes the COVID-19 vaccine work better.

You must be careful after you get the COVID-19 vaccine.

- You must keep wearing a mask.
- You must stay 6 feet away from other people.
- You must keep washing your hands.

You could get COVID-19 after you have the COVID-19 vaccine.

You could give COVID-19 to other people after you have the COVID-19 vaccine.