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# **COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Vaccination**

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COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the risk of illness or death from the disease. Each vaccine stimulates the immune system to produce antibodies that combat the virus. The vaccines utilize a harmless version of a structure resembling the spike protein found on the surface of the virus. In the United States, the following COVID-19 vaccines are available:<br/>br/>

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (2024–2025 formula) for individuals aged 6 months and older.<br/>br/><br/>

- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (2024–2025 formula) for individuals aged 6 months and older.<br/>br/><br/>

- Novavax COVID-19 vaccine (2024–2025 formula) for individuals aged 12 years and older.<br/>br/><br/>

These vaccines have received emergency use authorization or approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This collection on "COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Vaccination" will showcase recent efforts to develop, test, and administer vaccines against SARS-CoV-2.









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