



# Learning the Facts:

## Undoing Myths About the COVID-19 Vaccines

You may have heard or read things about the COVID-19 vaccines that just aren't true. Below are a few of the “**myths**” going around. It's important to know the facts, so that you can keep yourself and your loved ones safe, healthy, and protected against COVID-19.

 <b>The Myths</b>	 <b>The Facts</b>
<p>“We’re being used as guinea pigs.”</p>	<p><b>These vaccines have been carefully studied and have been proven to be safe and effective. They have been studied ...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ... in tens of thousands of people all over the world. This includes people of different races, ethnicities, and ages.</li> <li>• ... by many different scientists, doctors, and researchers. Many of them are experts who have no relationship to the government or to pharmaceutical companies.</li> <li>• ... using all of the same steps taken when developing any vaccine.</li> </ul>
<p>“The vaccines could cause serious side effects.”</p>	<p><b>Side effects are normal and common with any vaccine.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In fact, side effects are a good sign that your body is responding. They mean your immune system is building up its defenses to protect you from getting sick.</li> <li>• Most side effects from these vaccines are short-lived and mild. They include things such as pain at the site of the shot, chills, fever, or feeling extra tired.</li> </ul>
<p>“The vaccines will implant a microchip in my arm.”</p>	<p><b>The only thing these vaccines will do is protect you from COVID-19.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These vaccines are made up of materials that help your body build defenses against COVID-19. There is nothing else in them.</li> </ul>
<p>“The vaccines have fetal tissue in them.”</p>	<p><b>There is no fetal tissue of any type in these vaccines.</b></p>
<p>“The vaccines will cause you to have a positive HIV test result.”</p>	<p><b>If you take an HIV test after receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines, your test result will not be affected in any way.</b></p>