



Wearing A Mask After Vaccination



Do I need to wear a mask after I have gotten 2 doses of the vaccine?

Even if you're among the early recipients of a COVID-19 vaccine, it will be important to continue wearing a face covering. Not enough information is currently available to stop recommending that people continue to wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Does the vaccine guarantee complete immunity?

The currently authorized mRNA vaccines have been found to provide up to 95% immunity against COVID-19, with Moderna having efficacy of 94.1% and 95% for Pfizer. That means that there is still a small chance that you could get infected, so you need to continue to protect yourself while COVID-19 cases are high in your area.

Could I infect others with COVID-19?

If you've been vaccinated, it may be possible for enough of the virus to be present in your nose or mouth for you to unknowingly spread it to those around you, even if you don't experience symptoms. Until researchers confirm that this doesn't happen, wearing a mask helps you protect the people in your community who haven't received the vaccine yet.



How to Continue to Protect Yourself

For those reasons, it's critical to continue doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family. That includes continuing to:

- wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you're around people from outside your household
- stay 6 feet away from people who aren't from your household
- limit the time you spend in indoor spaces, especially poorly ventilated ones
- avoid crowds and close contact with people from outside your household
- wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer

