



FACT CHECK

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will not implant you with microchips or needles

A lot of myths and misinformation about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccines have been spreading on the internet and social media. Some of these myths show videos of magnets sticking to a person's arm after they got vaccinated. They claim that this is because a microchip was inserted, or the needle was left in their arm. **Neither of these things are true.** The only thing left in your arm when you are vaccinated is the vaccine itself.

MYTH: The vaccines contain a microchip

This is false. there are no microchips or any kind of tracking device in the vaccines for COVID-19. This myth is based on a fake video that was going around on the internet. It claimed that the pandemic is a cover for a plan to implant microchips to track people and that Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is behind it. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has gone on record to state this was [false](#). Like many online myths, this is a story that is hard to stop even after it has been debunked over and over.

The needle that is used to give a COVID-19 vaccine is much smaller than even the smallest microchip.

MYTH: The needle is left in your arm after you get a vaccine

This is false. You may have seen a video that appears to show a needle being left in a person's arm after they are vaccinated. What you are actually seeing is a retractable needle at work. [Syringes with retractable needles](#) work by pulling the needle into the barrel of the syringe or into a safety chamber on the side of the syringe after the vaccine is given. These syringes are used to reduce the risk of health care workers getting hurt by needles.

The needle used for COVID-19 vaccines is very thin. And, the amount of vaccine is tiny so you might not feel the needle or the vaccine going into your arm. You can always ask to see the syringe before and after you get your vaccine. Before you get the vaccine, you will see the clear fluid inside and the needle on the end. After you are vaccinated, you will see that there is no fluid left and the needle is inside the barrel or in the safety chamber.

MYTH: The "magnet test"

You may have seen videos on social media showing magnets sticking to people's arms where they got a vaccine to try to prove the vaccines contain microchips or that a needle is left behind. **This is just a trick.**

Magnets can easily be made to stick to the skin with tape or ointment. Even pressing a magnet or coin firmly to your skin can make it stick. Plus, the amount of metal needed to attract a magnet is too large to fit in the needle that is used to give a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, and they are the best way to protect against COVID-19. Find answers to your questions about COVID-19 vaccines and learn more about getting vaccinated at [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com).

