



FACT CHECK

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will not cause you to shed the virus

MYTH: When someone gets a COVID-19 vaccine it causes them to shed the COVID-19 virus and infect people who are nearby.

FACTS: COVID-19 vaccines protect people from getting sick with COVID-19 which makes them **LESS LIKELY** to shed virus and infect others.

There is no way that COVID-19 vaccines can infect someone or make them infectious. None of the three vaccines authorized in the U.S. contain the COVID-19 virus in any form so there is nothing for them to shed.

Rumors have circulated on the Internet suggesting that when someone gets a COVID-19 vaccine that it causes them to shed the COVID-19 virus and infect people who are nearby. The reality is that none of the three vaccines authorized for use in the United States could possibly cause someone to shed virus. None of the vaccines contain the virus that causes COVID-19 in any form. The vaccines teach your body to make a single copycat protein from the COVID-19 virus - the spike protein. Your immune system gears up to attack that spike protein, and in doing so, is set to attack the virus that causes COVID-19 if it enters your body. The vaccines PROTECT YOU by stopping the spread of virus in your system. The vaccines PROTECT OTHERS by making you shed LESS VIRUS if you get infected with COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine makes you less, not more, dangerous to other people.

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](https://www.VaccinateLACounty.com).

