



COVID - 19 VACCINE

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IS THERE A VACCINE FOR COVID-19?

Yes. There are multiple COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for use.





IS THERE A TREATMENT FOR THE NOVEL COVID-19 VIRUS?

There is no specific treatment for a disease caused by COVID-19 virus. Supportive care for infected persons can be highly effective and treatment is based on the symptoms of the patient.





WILL THE COVID-19 VACCINE BE MANDATORY FOR HEALTHCARE **PROVIDERS?**

CDC highly recommends vaccination for all healthcare personnel and those at high risk for severe disease. COVID-19 vaccination will be encouraged but not made mandatory for AUBMC healthcare workers.







HOW WILL WE KNOW IF A COVID-19 VACCINE IS SAFE **AND EFFECTIVE?**

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Vaccines that are granted authorizations by the FDA have been shown to be safe and effective, following careful review of scientific evidence.





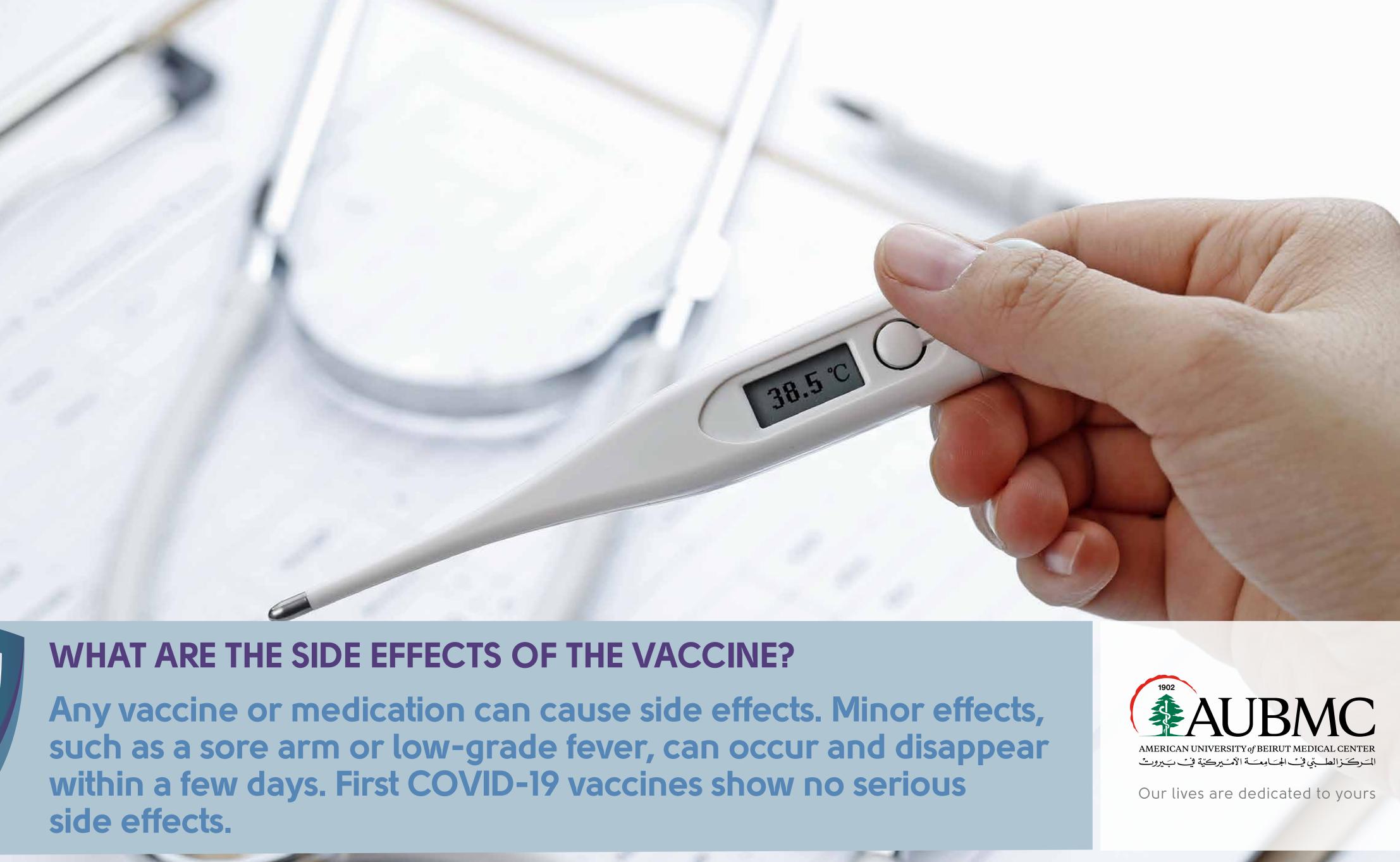
HOW CAN A SAFE VACCINE BE MADE SO QUICKLY?

Vaccine development typically takes many years, but research for coronavirus vaccines had started during previous outbreaks caused by related coronaviruses such as SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome). This provided a rapid development of COVID -19 vaccines.













HOW MUCH WILL THE VACCINE COST?

The Lebanese Ministry of Public Health will cover the cost of the vaccine. Cost for vaccine administration will be covered by the University Health Services at AUB.



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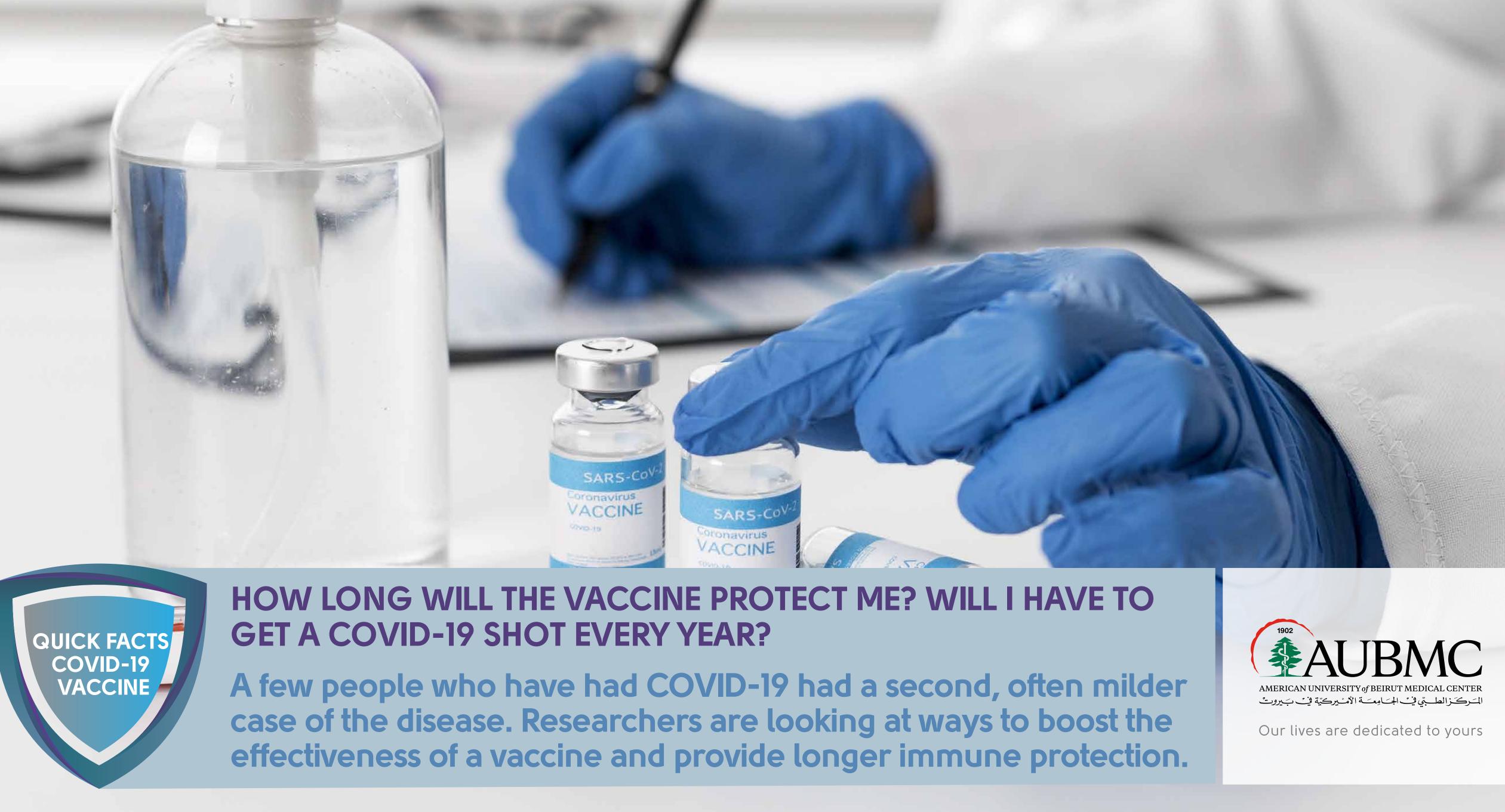
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HOW WILL A VACCINE PREVENT COVID-19?

COVID-19 virus has spikes on each viral particle that help the viruses attach to cells and cause diseases. Coronavirus vaccine is designed to help the body "recognize" these spike proteins and fight the coronavirus that has them.











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HOW WILL THE VACCINE BE ADMINISTERED?

COVID-19 vaccines will be administered by intramuscular (IM) injection, a shot in the arm.





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WILL MORE THAN ONE VACCINE DOSE BE REQUIRED?

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The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine requires two doses separated by an interval of 21 days.



HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN TO GET MY SECOND DOSE?

After receiving your first shot, you will receive a paper immunization record that will be completed at the time of vaccination. You will be reminded when it's time to receive your second shot.

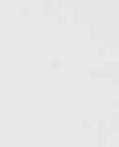




I GOT MY 1ST DOSE BUT CAN'T GET MY 2ND DOSE ON TIME. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Get your 2nd dose as close as possible to the recommended timing (21 days after 1st dose for Pfizer). However, it is OK if the 2nd dose of the vaccine needs to be delayed past the usual time.











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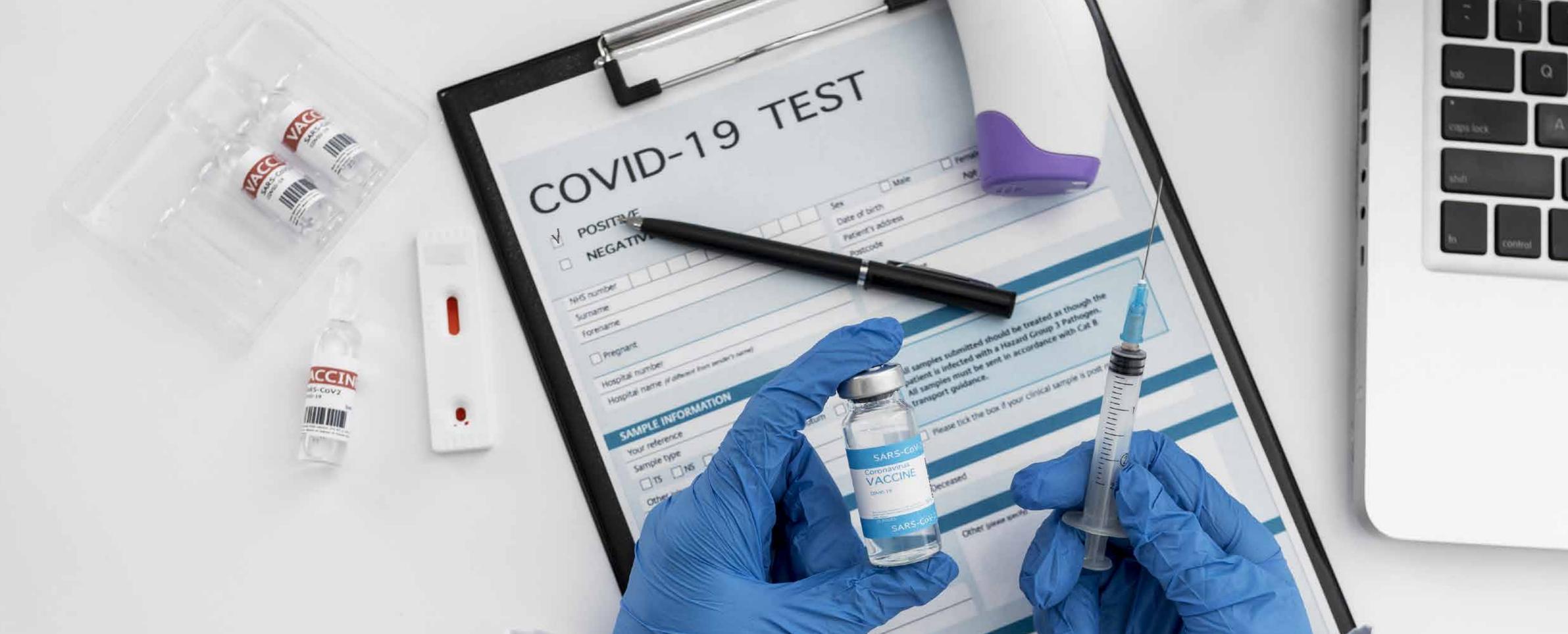


CAN OTHER VACCINES, INCLUDING FLU VACCINES, BE ADMINISTERED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE COVID-19 VACCINES?

CDC has recommended that no other vaccines be given two weeks before or after a COVID-19 vaccine.



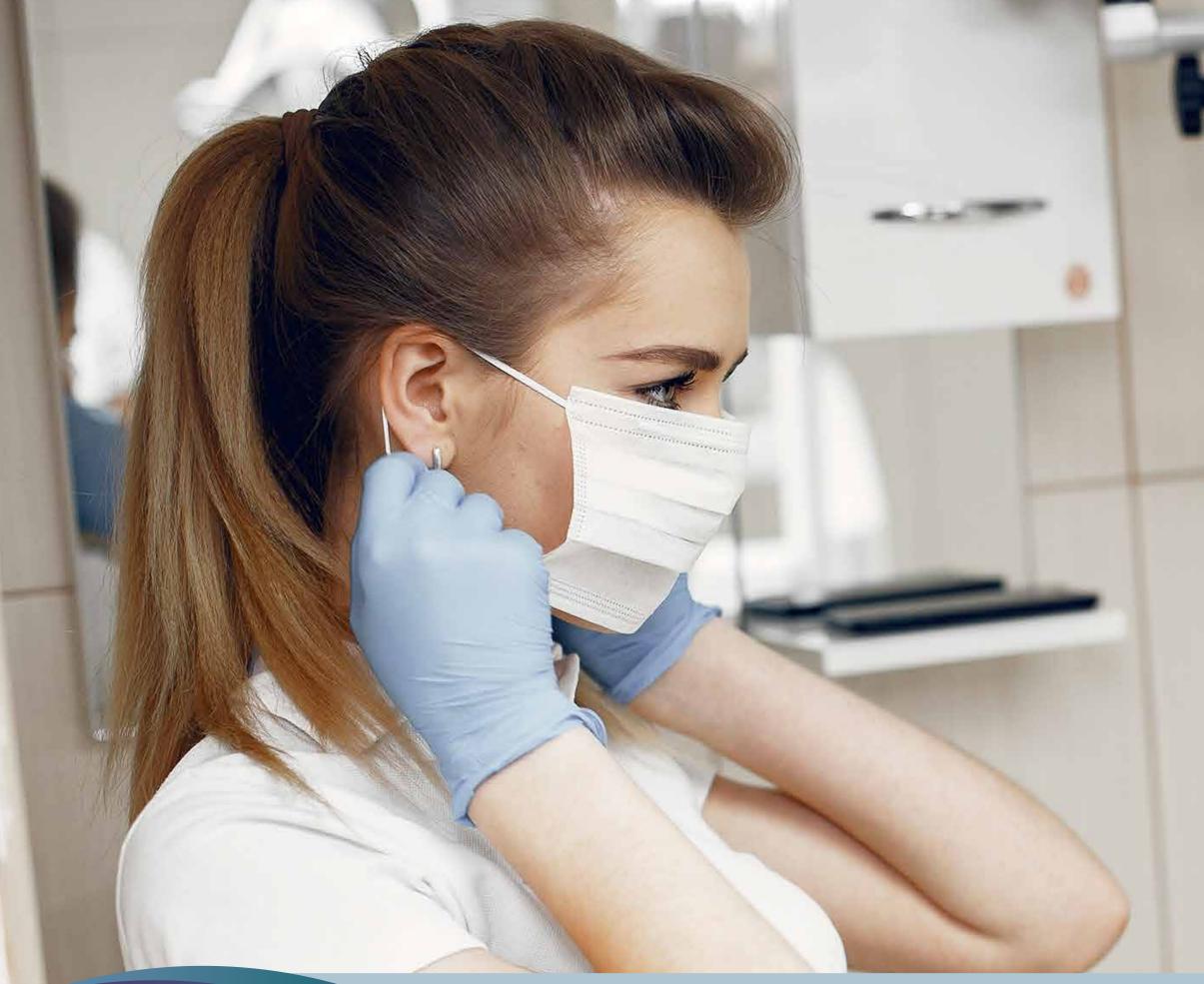




WILL THE VACCINE WORK IF I'VE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 OR TESTED **POSITIVE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS?**

People who have already had COVID-19 or tested positive may still benefit from getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Early evidence suggests natural immunity from COVID-19 may not last very long.





IF I GET A CORONAVIRUS VACCINATION, DO I STILL HAVE TO WEAR A MASK? KEEP PHYSICAL DISTANCING?

Yes. It may take time for everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccination to receive one. Also, the vaccine may prevent you from getting sick, but it is still unknown at this time if you can carry and transmit the virus to others.





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IS THE VACCINE SAFE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN?

The theoretical risk of fetal harm from mRNA vaccines is very low. Pregnant women were not included in the vaccine trials. A conversation between pregnant patients and their clinicians may help them decide whether to get vaccinated or not.





WILL PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAD COVID-19 BE ABLE TO GET **THE VACCINE?**

The vaccine is recommended for people previously infected. According to CDC, people appear to become susceptible to reinfection after >90 days after initial infection.



CAN I GET COVID-19 FROM A VACCINE?

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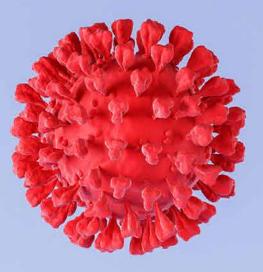
No. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

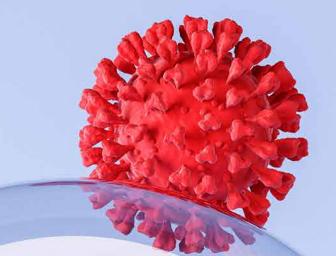


WHICH LASTS LONGER, IMMUNITY AFTER GETTING COVID -19 OR **PROTECTION FROM COVID-19 VACCINES?**

We don't know how long natural immunity might last; it varies from one person to another. Current evidence suggests that it is uncommon to get the virus again in the 90 days that follow the first infection.We won't know how long immunity lasts after vaccination until we have more data on how well COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions.













IS IT SAFE TO GET THE VACCINE IF I HAVE UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS?

Vaccination is an important consideration for adults of any age with certain underlying medical conditions because they are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19.





SHOULD IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PATIENTS RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

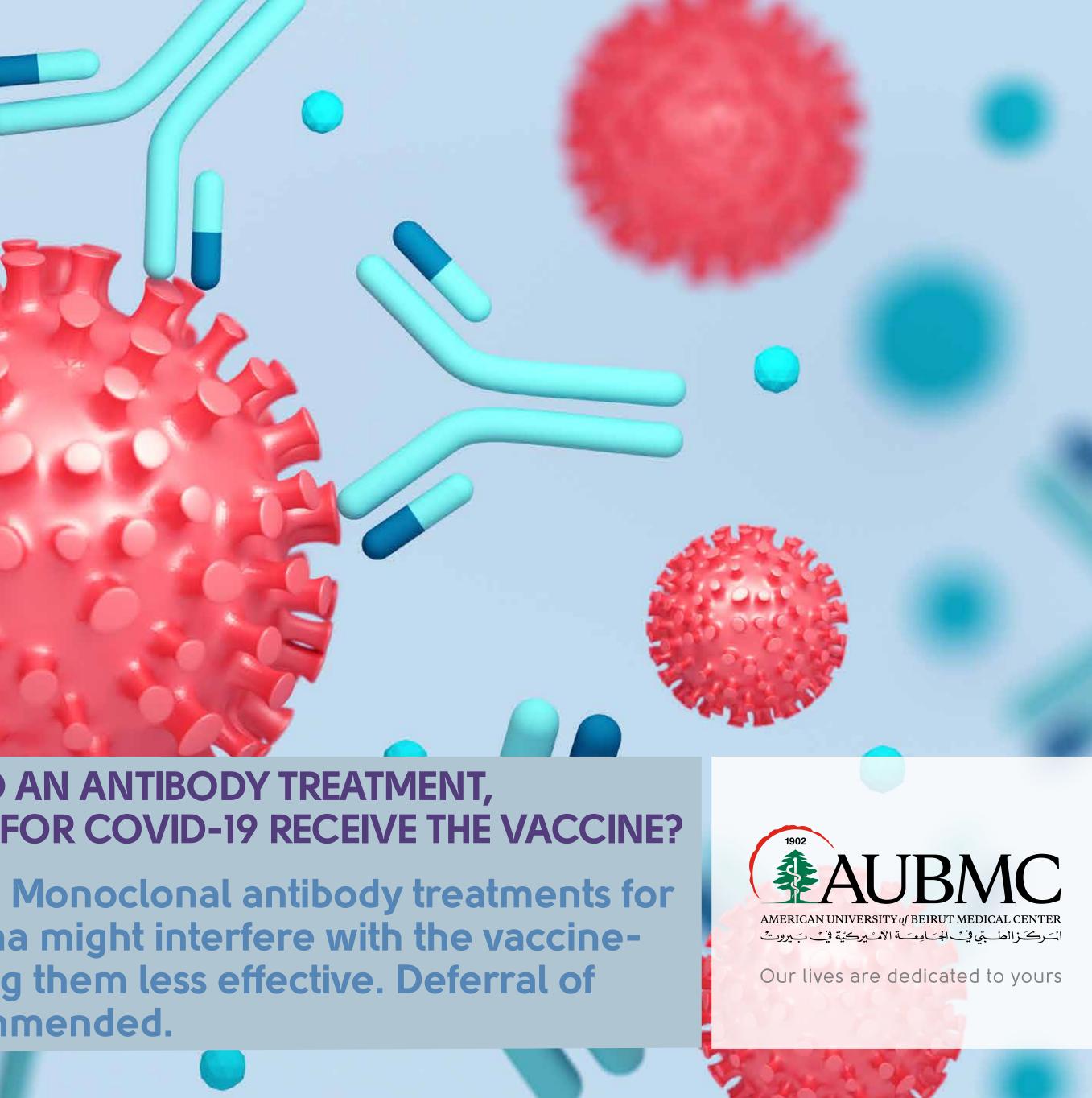
The CDC considers immunocompromised patients to be at increased risk or severe COVID-19. Because of the increased risk of severe COVID-19 in this population, immunocompromised patients should receive the COVID-19 vaccines if there are no contraindications and after consulting with their physician.

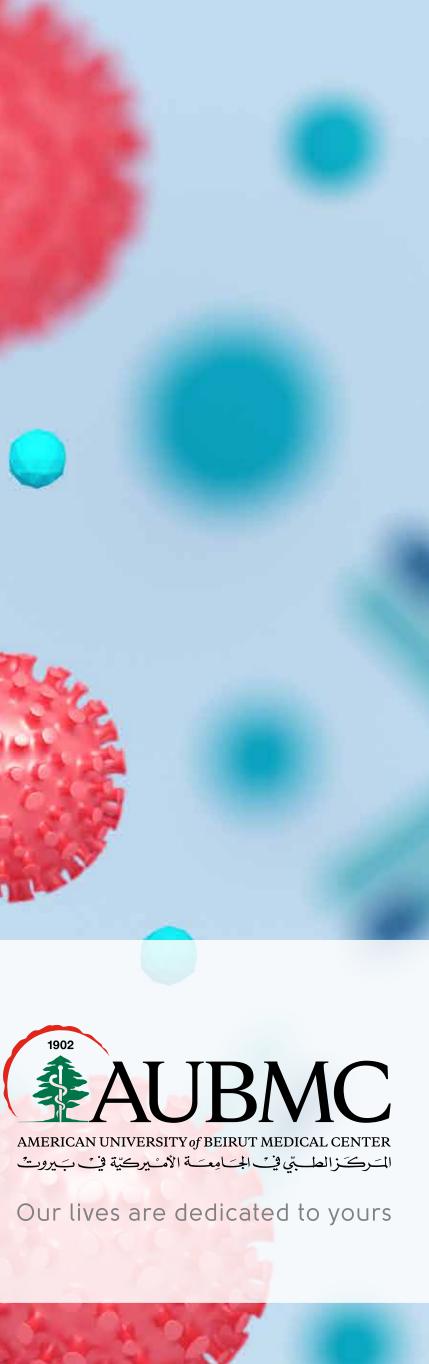




SHOULD A PATIENT WHO RECEIVED AN ANTIBODY TREATMENT, **CONVALESCENT SERUM, OR BOTH FOR COVID-19 RECEIVE THE VACCINE?**

Eventually yes, but not right away. Monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 and convalescent plasma might interfere with the vaccineinduced immune response, making them less effective. Deferral of immunization for 90 days is recommended.







WILL VACCINES BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE NEW COVID-19 VARIANTS?

Scientists do not believe it will have an impact on the effectiveness of the vaccines currently authorized for emergency use in the United States. Testing to confirm this belief is pending.

