How **Safe and Effective** COVID-19 Vaccines Come to You

1. **Scientists had a head start.**
   - The COVID-19 vaccines were built upon years of work to develop vaccines for similar viruses.

   **Vaccines are safe and add a layer of protection from COVID-19 in everyone 6 months and older.**
   - Trials included diverse participants, including Black and Hispanic/Latinx volunteers.
   - The vaccines are proven to help protect against COVID-19 and are effective in preventing hospitalization and death. There were no serious safety concerns noted in the clinical trials.
   - Millions of people in the U.S. have already received them.

2. **The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews trials and determines if vaccines are safe and effective.**
   - An independent, scientific committee checks the work.
   - Vaccines are authorized and recommended for use.

3. **Companies manufacture vaccines and the federal government distributes them.**
   - High-quality vaccines are manufactured for distribution.
   - The federal government ships the vaccines and vaccination supply kits to vaccine providers each week.

4. **Safety and effectiveness are continuously monitored.**
   - Like all vaccines, the FDA keeps checking safety through its reporting systems.
   - Health care providers report serious side effects or serious illness.