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 work to prevent COVID-19 in children ages 5 to 11, teens and adults.
   - Trials included diverse participants, including Black and Hispanic/Latinx volunteers.
   - The vaccines are proven to help prevent 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.