



# 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.



**2.**

## 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.



**3.**

## 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.



**4.**

## 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.



**5.**

## 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.