

# VACCINE RESEARCH:

## Should I Join a COVID-19 Vaccine Research Study?



People who do not have COVID-19 can help researchers learn more about the disease.

### A research study:

- collects new information about health and disease.
- tries to answer new questions that researchers have.
- needs volunteers to sign up.

Being in a COVID-19 vaccine research study is your choice.

### COVID-19:

- is a new disease caused by a type of virus called coronavirus.
- may cause some people to have symptoms like cough, fever, weakness, muscle and other pains, and breathing problems.
- can be mild, but it can also make some people very sick, and may lead to death.

### What is a vaccine?

- A vaccine is a form of a virus given to a healthy person, usually through a needle, to teach their body how to recognize and fight the virus.
- People who get a vaccine may be better able to fight the virus in the future.

### Why are there research studies about COVID-19 vaccines right now?

- Since COVID-19 is a new disease, there is no vaccine yet and new vaccines are being tested.
- Researchers want to learn if a new vaccine is safe and works.

More can be learned about COVID-19 if you join a research study.

## What should I ask the research team before joining a COVID-19 research study?

- ✓ Why is the study being done?
- ✓ What will happen if I agree to join?
- ✓ Could the study help me? Could it help others?
- ✓ Could the study cause risks to me?
- ✓ Do I have to pay money to be in the study?
- ✓ Will I be paid to be in the study?
- ✓ How will my personal information be protected?
- ✓ How long will the study last?
- ✓ Can I leave the study at any time?
- ✓ What will happen if I get hurt in the study?
- ✓ Who should I call with questions about the study?
- ✓ Will I get to see the study results?



### What else should I know about being in a COVID-19 research study?

- You can talk to people you trust about whether to join the study.
- You can change your mind at any time.