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.

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.

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.

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.

Why 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.

Thank you for thinking about joining a COVID-19 vaccine research study. Please ask the research team ANY questions you have.