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The Vaccine Protects You from COVID-19
The vaccine works with your body's natural defenses to fight the virus if you are exposed. This is called *immunity*.

The Vaccine Will NOT Give You COVID-19
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The Vaccine Does NOT Alter Your DNA
The vaccine never enters the nucleus, or center, of the human cell, where our DNA is kept.

The COVID-19 Does NOT Affect a Woman’s Fertility
COVID-19 vaccines have NOT been linked to infertility or miscarriage. However, if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, talk to your healthcare provider before getting the vaccine.

To learn when and where you can be vaccinated, go to [www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine](http://www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine)

You can also sign up at [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov) to be notified when it is your turn.

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The vaccine is free, available regardless of immigration status, and you do not need insurance. Your privacy will be protected.

For most people these are minor, including muscle pain, chills and headache. Although rare, some people can have a severe allergic reaction to vaccine ingredients. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of severe allergic reactions before getting the vaccine.

Some of the syringes, or needles, used to give the vaccine have a unique label. This helps medical workers confirm the vaccine origin. No label or other tracking device is injected into the person getting the vaccine.

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The vaccine has some side effects. For most people these are minor, including muscle pain, chills and headache. Although rare, some people can have a severe allergic reaction to vaccine ingredients. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of severe allergic reactions before getting the vaccine.

You will NOT be asked about your immigration status.

Wearing a mask
Washing your hands often
Staying six feet away from people outside your household

You will still need to wear a mask after getting the vaccine.

This document is based on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html