



ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

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COVID-19 VACCINES: FACTS FIRST

WHAT HIGH-RISK COMMUNITIES OF COLOR SHOULD KNOW



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"What you're doing by getting vaccinated, it protects you, your community; it helps to protect your family and gets us back to that place where things are normal."

- Dr. Elisa Rodriguez -

Assistant Professor and Director of the Community Engagement Resource, Roswell Park



"My first thoughts go to my family. I want to be able to protect them. This is a nasty pandemic, and I want to do my part to help get rid of this thing."

- Dwayne Smith -

Phlebotomist, Roswell Park



"I was afraid, to be honest. It took courage. It took a leap of faith. I am more enthusiastic now, more than ever. The reality is, minorities, underserved and never-served populations, they don't want to be sick. They don't want to die. People want the facts, not fear. I want everyone to get it."

- Dee Johnson -

The Witness Project, Roswell Park

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The COVID-19 vaccines have the potential to be a great positive force in our lives as individuals, families and communities, but they bring with them so many questions — especially for individuals from communities of color. To help you and your family make an informed decision, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has compiled the latest information about these preventive vaccines as well as the first-hand perspectives of individuals.



ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINES

- ✓ Three vaccines have been authorized for emergency use to prevent severe cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus: The Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines.
- ✓ The three vaccines do not contain any live COVID-19 virus, so a person cannot get sick with COVID-19 just from getting the vaccine. The vaccines do not change your DNA in any way.
- ✓ It's normal to experience side effects such as fever, chills, soreness at the injection site and headaches after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. These responses are a sign that the vaccine is working and that your body is developing protection against the virus.
- ✓ People who have received one of these vaccines might still get sick if they contract the virus, but they can expect to experience only mild symptoms, if any.
- ✓ In New York State, no one has to pay to get the COVID-19 vaccine.



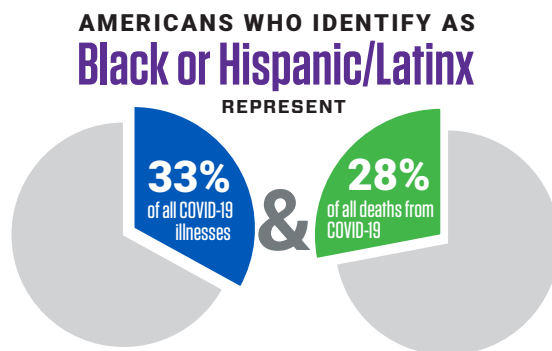
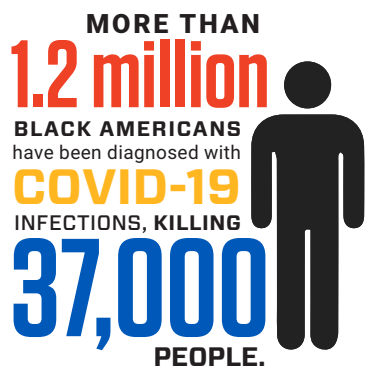
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THE COMMUNITIES MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19*

COVID-19 has hit the Black and Hispanic/Latinx communities especially hard.

*Data as of January 27, 2021



Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson included people with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, cardiac disease, obesity, liver disease and HIV infection, in their trials as they were deemed at higher risk for severe COVID-19 infections.

Number of study participants deemed **higher risk** for **severe COVID-19 infections** due to additional **medical issues**, or **comorbidities** for each company



18,600
HIGH-RISK PEOPLE

moderna
INCLUDED MORE THAN

7,300
HIGH-RISK PEOPLE



7,900
HIGH-RISK PEOPLE

MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black and Hispanic/Latinx individuals participated in all stages of the creation and testing of these vaccines.



Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett
Scientist, National Institutes of Health
is one of the key members of the team behind Moderna's vaccine.



Dr. Onyema Ogbuagu
Yale University
helped test the Pfizer vaccine in clinical trials that helped lead to its approval for broader use.



Nanette Cocero
Global President of Vaccines, Pfizer
oversees the development of vaccines including the COVID-19 vaccine.

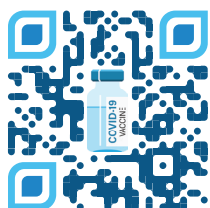


Dr. Walter Kimbrough & **Stephanie Elam**
President of Dillard University & CNN journalist
are among those who participated in a vaccine trial.



Representation of Study Participants of Color in COVID-19 Vaccine Trials

Proportion of study participants from communities of color	Pfizer	moderna	J&J
BLACK	9.7%	9.8%	19.4%
HISPANIC/LATINX	26.2%	20%	45.3%



For more information, scan the QR code or visit
RoswellPark.org/CovidVaccine

Information in Spanish can be found at
espanol.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines

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