

HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD STILL WEAR A MASK RIGHT NOW

-EVEN AFTER BEING VACCINATED.



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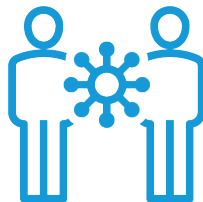
VACCINES TAKE TIME TO WORK.

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means it is possible that a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

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IT IS NOT YET KNOWN IF VACCINES PREVENT YOU FROM SPREADING COVID-19.

Many vaccines – like flu shots – help prevent you from getting sick but not from being a “carrier” and potentially infecting others. COVID-19 vaccines DO protect you from serious illness, but it is not yet known if they also prevent you from spreading the virus.



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MASKS CAN HELP PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT BE PROTECTED BY VACCINES.



Those with compromised immune systems are more vulnerable to severe forms of COVID-19, and it is not yet fully known if their immune systems will develop the maximum protection from vaccines. Also, a small percentage of people will be unable to be vaccinated due to severe allergic reactions to vaccine ingredients.

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MASKS CAN HELP PROTECT AGAINST NEW STRAINS, FOR WHICH VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS IS STILL UNCLEAR.



While it appears that the current COVID-19 vaccines will work against new strains of the virus that have begun to emerge, the level of protection for these new strains is still to be determined. Wearing a mask can help protect you and others and prevent the spread of these strains.

By wearing our masks – and practicing other safe behaviors like social distancing and good hand hygiene – we can work together to help keep each other safe until vaccines are widely administered and we bring this pandemic to an end.