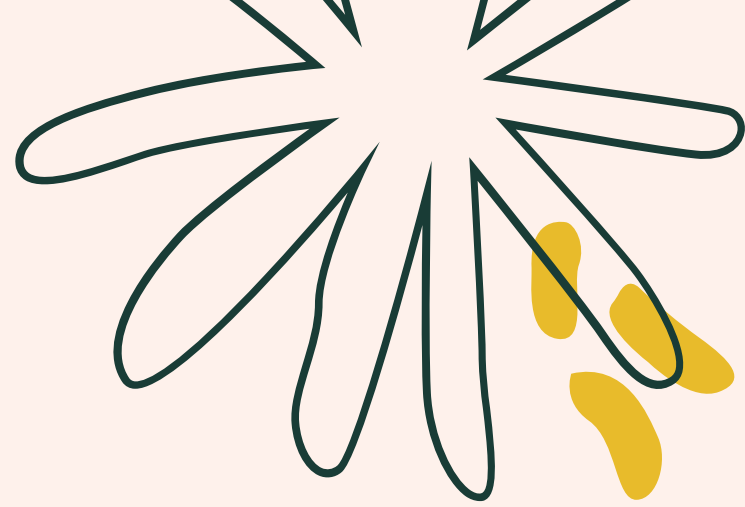
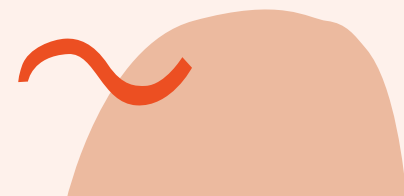


COVID VACCINES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE



What is the COVID-19 vaccine? How does it work?



mRNA VIRUS

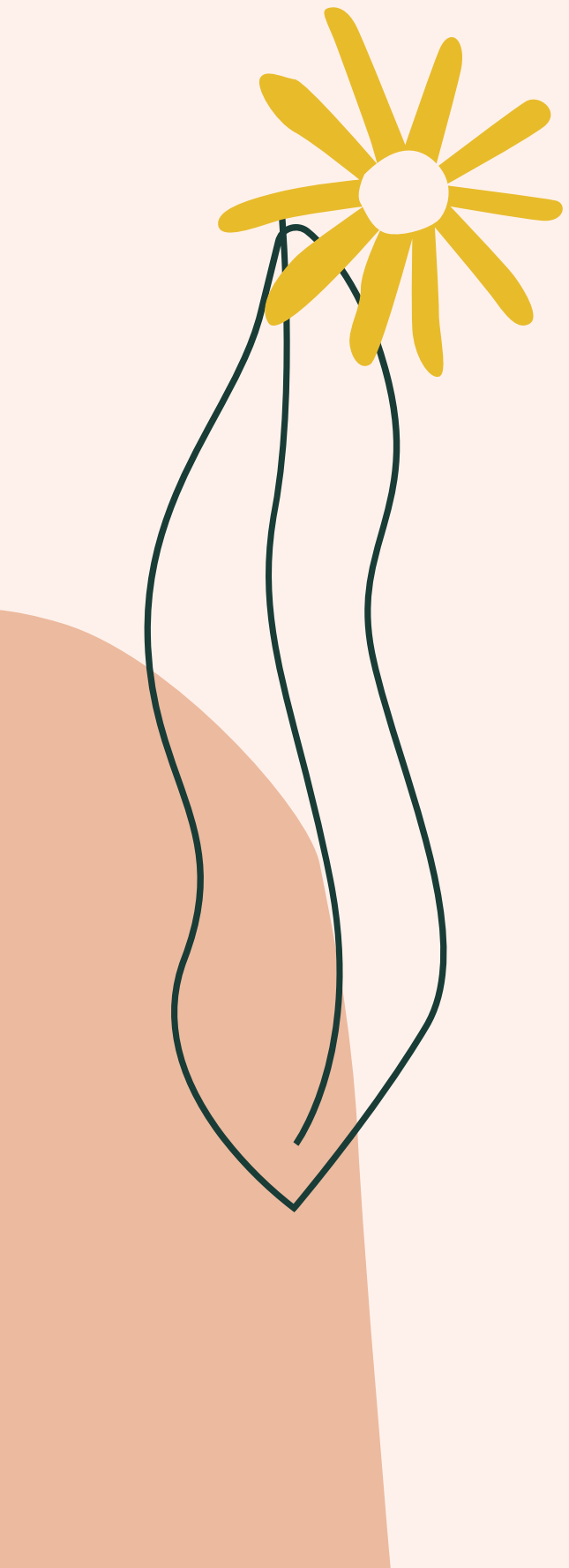
New technology has created an mRNA vaccine that teaches our cells to create a “spike” protein to create immunity in our body. The “spike” is found on the surface of the COVID-19 virus structure that allows binding to our cells. The vaccine produces an immune response that can create antibodies to help protect us from coronavirus.

NO LIVE VIRUS

This vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 as it does not contain any live virus.

LONG TERM EFFECTS

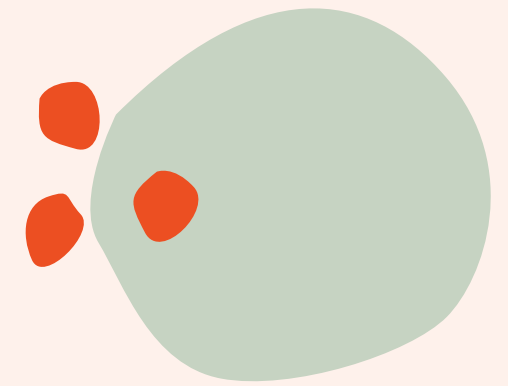
The mRNA vaccine does not affect the genetic DNA of a cell as it never enters the nucleus of a cell (where DNA is located). The cells also break down the mRNA code after generating an immune response. Thus it can not change the genetic material of our bodies.

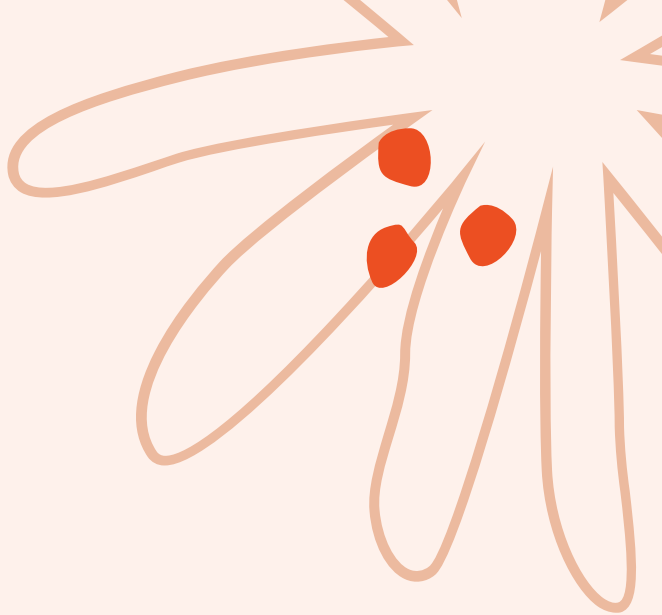
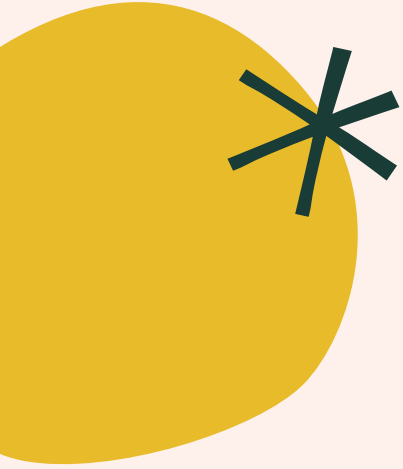


Who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?

(eligibilities based on county and state)

12+ individuals who live, study
or work in Riverside County





VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

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12+ individuals eligible (12-17-year-olds must be accompanied by parent or guardian)

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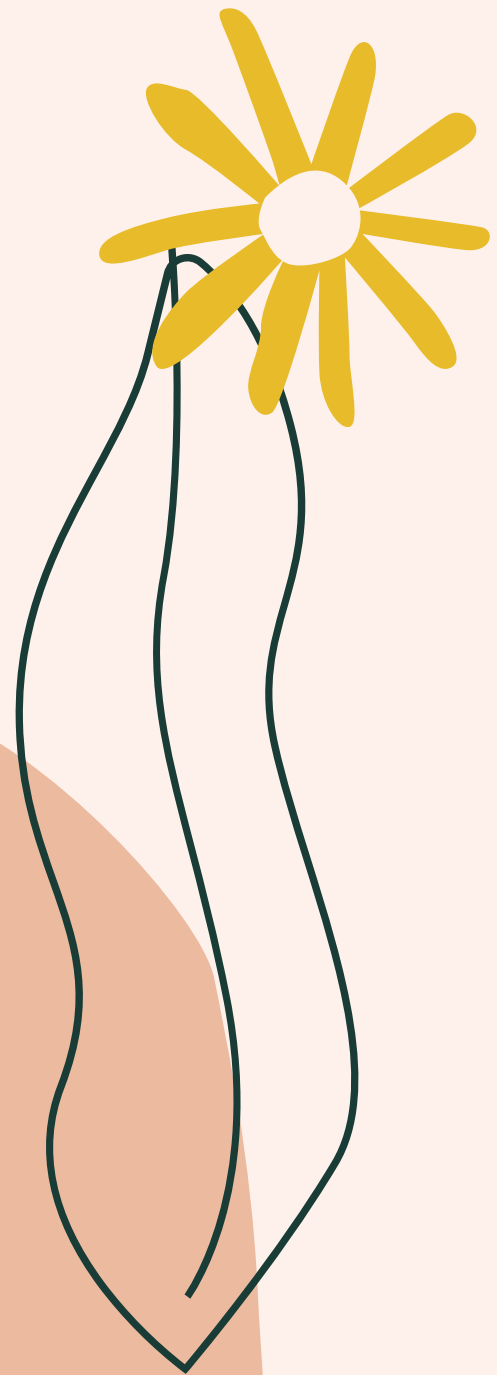
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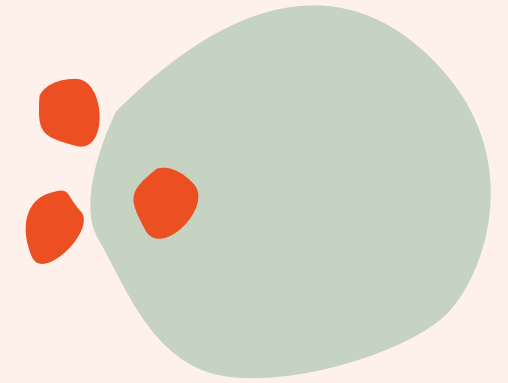
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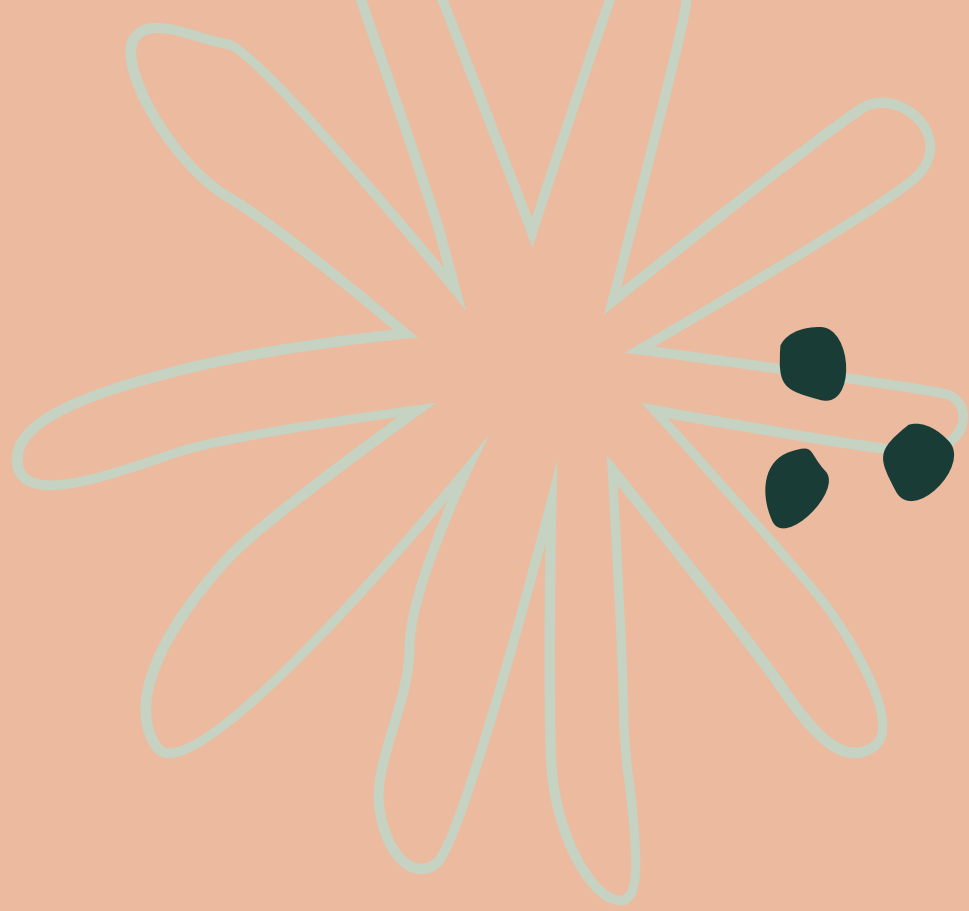
up-to-date scheduling and details at:
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If I am living with HIV, can I still receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

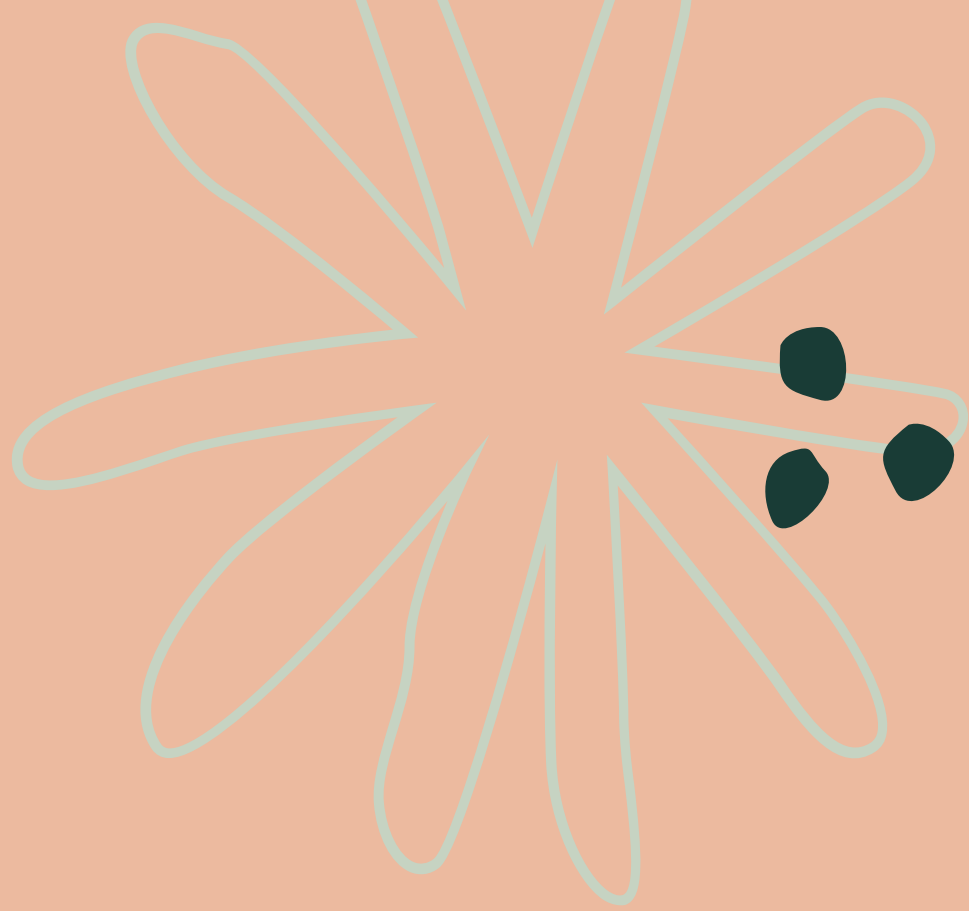


- Yes, people living with HIV should get the COVID-19 vaccine to help protect themselves and others from the spread. If you have no allergic reactions to the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, it is safe to receive the second dose if indicated.
- Social distancing measures and wearing masks should still be practiced even after receiving both doses to continue to protect unvaccinated people and the broader community.



Are there any unique reported side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine specific to people living with HIV?

- Research is ongoing on the COVID-19 vaccine on people living with HIV, there is currently no evidence that people living with HIV will have unique side effects.
- There have not been any reported side effects unique to people living with HIV.
- Side effects are most commonly sore arm, fatigue, headache, chills, and fever. After receiving a dose of any of the three vaccine options, there is a 15 minute waiting period, where nurses will check up and see if any allergic reactions or severe cases need to be dealt with.



Unique Side Effects cont.

- Otherwise, these side effects are managed through rest and healthy treatment.
- It is important for people with HIV to continue their HIV medications to help protect themselves and to prevent the transmission of HIV.
- It is also important to continue the social distance measures and wearing masks and practice hand hygiene even after receiving both doses to protect unvaccinated people and broader communities.



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