

During your hospitalization, someone from your care team may have offered you a COVID-19 vaccine.

Why should I get the vaccine now, while in the hospital?

A member of your care team determined that you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine will help your body develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without having to get the virus. The vaccination helps to protect you against severe illness and future hospitalization, if you should get Covid. Now is an optimal and convenient time to receive the vaccine because it is easily accessible. The vaccine will provide you protection against the virus once you are discharged back to home.

How are mRNA vaccines different from other vaccines?

Unlike many vaccines, mRNA vaccines do not contain a live, or weakened virus. Instead, our cells use the mRNA as a “recipe” to make a specific protein found in the virus, so our immune systems can learn how to respond. When we encounter a virus with that protein, our immune systems will recognize it and respond by making the antibodies.

What if I had COVID-19 already, should I still get the vaccine?

It is beneficial to be vaccinated even after recovering from COVID-19 infection. A COVID-19 vaccine can reduce your risk of repeat infection. You can get vaccinated right after recovering from or quarantining for COVID-19. However, it is okay to wait up to 90 days after becoming infected to obtain the vaccine.



If you have questions about next steps regarding your care plan once you are discharged from the hospital you may call: _____ at _____.