

COVID-19 FAQs

Q: Can COVID-19 vaccines cause severe long-term side effects?

A: Some people may experience mild to moderate flu-like symptoms after getting vaccinated; however, they are not permanent and usually last one day. The reactions indicate your body is building antibodies against the virus.

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Q: How do my pre-existing conditions impact the vaccine?

A: People with diabetes, high blood pressure, and other medical conditions, as well as those who are overweight, are at increased risk for severe illness and death from COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are strongly recommended for people with underlying medical conditions. If you are in one of these "high-risk" categories you should strongly consider taking the vaccine to protect yourself.

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Q: Are COVID-19 vaccines accessible?

A: Vaccines are free and available at your local health department and major pharmacies like Walgreens, CVS, Walmart and Publix. We also offer mobile vaccine clinics for convenient access. Visit our website to find out when we will be in your county.

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WHAT WE DO



We provide science-based information to help Floridians make informed choices on how to best protect themselves, their family, and community from vaccine-preventable illnesses like COVID-19 and influenza.

We host and participate in community events, including virtual community forums, town halls, and mobile health clinics to bring information and health care to the communities we serve.

Community Forums

- Our virtual community forums are open to everyone and provide the latest updates on health issues relevant to our communities. Our health experts share the latest research and encourage community members to ask questions.

Town Halls

- Our community town halls are county-based opportunities for dialogue between community members, local health experts, and community leaders to address pressing community health concerns.

Mobile Health Clinics

- Our mobile health clinics offer screenings and vaccines to reduce the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 and the flu (seasonal).

KNOW YOUR RISK!

Some groups have a higher risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 or flu. We are prioritizing those groups to raise awareness regarding these risk factors. We encourage you to sign up for our free health screenings, if you are:

- Black/African American
- At least 18 years old
- Have been diagnosed with or have a family history of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, or overweight/obesity

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Attend, like, & share our events!

- The primary way to get involved is to attend our events. We also encourage you to like and share our events on social media and encourage your family members and friends to join us.

Become an Extension Health Navigator!

- We are looking for enthusiastic community volunteers to serve as Extension Health Navigators (EHNs) in the following counties: Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jackson, Suwannee, and Taylor.

- EHNs are trusted members of our communities who are passionate about educating other community members on current health issues.
- EHNs receive compensation for travel and training. If you are interested in becoming an Extension Health Navigator, please contact us using the information on the back of this brochure.