

# The Best Vaccine Is the First Vaccine That Is Available

Three vaccines are available in Ventura County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages people to receive the first one available.



Vaccine:	Pfizer	Moderna	Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
WHAT IS THE TYPE OF VACCINE?	<b>Messenger RNA</b> mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19. They teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. They cannot cause COVID-19.	<b>Messenger RNA</b> mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19. They teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. They cannot cause COVID-19.	<b>Viral vector</b> These vaccines use a modified version of a different virus (the vector) to deliver important instructions to our cells. They cannot cause COVID-19 or the virus used as the vaccine vector.
HOW MANY SHOTS DO YOU NEED?	<b>2 doses</b> 21 days apart (or to be received 21-42 days after first dose)	<b>2 doses</b> 28 days apart (or to be received 28-42 days after first dose)	<b>1 dose</b>
HOW EFFECTIVE IS IT?	95% efficacy after 2 doses	94.1% efficacy after 2 doses	66% effective against moderate to severe COVID-19 infection. 93% effective for hospitalizations due to COVID-19. 100% effective in preventing death due to COVID-19.
WHAT IS THE AGE INDICATION?	16 years of age and older	18 years of age and older	18 years of age and older
WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS?	<b>In the arm where you got the shot:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Redness</li> <li>• Swelling</li> </ul> <b>Throughout the rest of your body:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiredness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle pain</li> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Nausea</li> </ul>	<b>In the arm where you got the shot:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Redness</li> <li>• Swelling</li> </ul> <b>Throughout the rest of your body:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiredness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle pain</li> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Nausea</li> </ul>	<b>In the arm where you got the shot:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Redness</li> <li>• Swelling</li> </ul> <b>Throughout the rest of your body:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiredness</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle pain</li> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Nausea</li> </ul>
HOW LONG WILL IT WORK?	The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.	The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.	The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.
HOW MANY DOSES PER VIAL?	6 doses per vial	10 doses per vial	5 doses per vial
HOW IS IT STORED?	Between -80°C and -60°C (-112°F to -76°F)	Between -25°C and -15°C (-13°F and 5°F)	Between 2°C to 8°C (36°F and 46°F) (regular refrigerator temperature)
WHERE CAN SOMEONE LEARN MORE?	More information at 800-438-1985	More information at 866-663-3762	More information at 800-565-4008

Schedule your COVID-19 vaccine appointment or sign up to be notified when it is your turn at [www.vcrecovers.org](http://www.vcrecovers.org).

If you do not have internet access, please call the vaccination registration phone line at 805-477-7161, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

