

COVID-19 VACCINE MISCONCEPTIONS



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X “If I’ve already had COVID-19, I don’t need a vaccine.”

✓ **FACT:** Due to severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that transmission and re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, it is advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine regardless of being sick from it before.

X “The COVID-19 vaccine has microchip tracking and recording.”

✓ **FACT:** There is no vaccine microchip, and the vaccine will not track people or gather personal information into a database.

“Getting the COVID-19 vaccine means

X I can stop wearing my mask and taking coronavirus precautions.”

✓ **FACT:** Individuals who get the COVID-19 vaccination still need to practice the preventative measures until further notice.

X “I am allergic to eggs so I shouldn’t get the COVID-19 vaccine”

✓ **FACT:** Neither the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine nor the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines contain egg nor were eggs used in the development or production of either vaccine.

X “We can’t trust COVID-19 vaccines because they were rushed.”

✓ **FACT:** The emergency situation warranted an emergency response but that does not mean that companies bypassed safety protocols or didn’t perform adequate testing.

X “Getting the COVID-19 vaccine gives you COVID-19.”

✓ **FACT:** The vaccine for COVID-19 cannot and will not give you COVID-19. Vaccines prime your immune system to recognize and fight off a disease, but they don’t cause an infection.

X “These vaccines will alter my DNA.”

✓ **FACT:** The vaccines use mRNA to instruct our cells to make a piece of the coronavirus’s hallmark spike protein in order to spark an immune system response. Once the mRNA does that, our cells break it down and get rid of it.

X “I won’t need to wear a mask after I get vaccinated for COVID-19.”

✓ **FACT:** It will take time for everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccination to get one. Continuing the safety preventative measures will be important.



Check, verify, talk to a medical professional. Be aware that not everything being said about COVID-19 is accurate. Go to official sources like state or local health departments, the CDC, the WHO, or check the WHA’s COVID-19 dedicated webpage for verifiable information. Do not rely on the internet, any questions or information must be asked and verified by medical professionals.

Resources: The Johns Hopkins University, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Johns Hopkins Health System, Mayo Clinic Health System

----- Contact your property management office for questions relevant to WHA operations.

----- Visit our COVID-19 page for up-to-date news and info: www.worcesterha.org/covid19.html