What are the side effects of the vaccine?
- Like most vaccines, you should expect some soreness and fatigue for up to a day after vaccination, a sign that the body is developing a proper immune response.
- Two vaccinations, 21 to 28 days apart (depending on type of vaccine) will be required for full effectiveness.
- The slight side effects far outweigh the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?
- No, you can NOT catch COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Research has not shown any major side effect to the vaccine.
- If you have any questions, consult your primary healthcare giver.

How do you know the vaccine is safe?
- Numerous studies over the last several months have been thoroughly conducted.
- The Mississippi State Department of Health has studied the data since day one.
- COVID-19 vaccine has gone through the same rigorous process for evaluating safety and effectiveness as any other vaccine approved for use by the FDA.

Who can take the vaccine?
- Individuals 16 and older are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and individuals 18 and older will be eligible for the Moderna vaccine.
- Pregnant women and lactating women and those who are immunocompromised may take the vaccine; however, consultation with your healthcare provider is recommended.
- People with a history of severe allergic reactions or anaphylaxis should consult with their primary healthcare provider prior to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Who should not take the vaccine?
- You should not take the vaccine if you are allergic to any of its components.
- You should consult with your physician first if you have had severe reactions from previous vaccines or injectable medications.
- For more details, see the Contraindications section of Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine on the CDC website.

Should I get the vaccine if I have tested positive for COVID-19?
- Yes, you can receive the vaccine after testing positive for COVID-19 when certain criteria are met.
- You should wait until the isolation period is over (10 days after the onset of symptoms or 10 days after the test was done if you had no symptoms).
- You should not have a fever, and if you do have symptoms they should have improved significantly before getting vaccinated.