

COVID-19 Vaccines

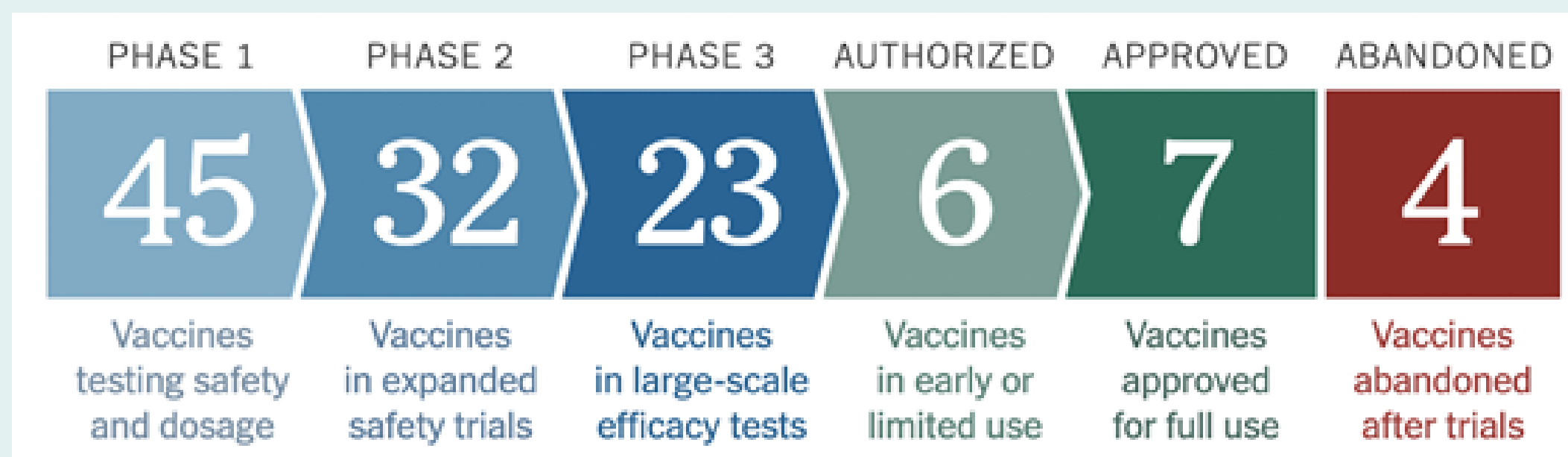
COVID-19 vaccines are being approved for use and distributed to states. Widespread vaccination is critical to ending the pandemic, including prioritizing all people experiencing homelessness, regardless of shelter status.

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	Moderna	Pfizer- BioNTech	Janssen
Status	<i>Approved for emergency use in the U.S. and other countries</i>	<i>Approved for emergency use in the U.S. and other countries</i>	<i>Approved for emergency use in the U.S. and other countries</i>
Recommended For	<i>Anyone 18 and older</i>	<i>Anyone 16 and older</i>	<i>Anyone 18 and older</i>
Science	<i>Messenger RNA <u>See fact sheet</u></i>	<i>Messenger RNA <u>See fact sheet</u></i>	<i>Adenovirus based</i>
Dosage	<i>Two shots, at least 28 days apart</i>	<i>Two shots, at least 21 days apart</i>	<i>One shot</i>
Efficacy	<i>94% effective at preventing symptomatic infection in people with no evidence of previous COVID-19 infection</i>	<i>95% efficacy in preventing COVID-19 in those without prior infection.</i>	<i>72% overall efficacy and 86% efficacy against severe disease in the U.S.</i>
Common Side Effects	<i>Chills, headache, pain, tiredness, and/or redness and swelling at the injection site, all of which generally resolve within a day or two</i>	<i>Chills, headache, pain, tiredness, and/or redness and swelling at the injection site, all of which generally resolve within a day or two of rest, hydration, and medications like acetaminophen</i>	<i>Fatigue, fever headache, injection site pain, or myalgia (pain in a muscle or group of muscles), all of which generally resolve within a day or two.</i>

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Vaccine tracker and aftercare



Globally, eight vaccines have been approved for full use. Currently only three have been given emergency use authorization in the US.

Source: Zimmer, C., Corum, J., & Wee, S. (2021, April 13). Covid-19 Vaccine Tracker: Latest Updates. The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirus-vaccine-tracker.html>

What should I expect after I get the vaccine?

Side effects after vaccination such as fever, fatigue, headache, and muscle aches are expected. These side effects are evidence that the vaccine is working as it should be and the body is building immunity! Although these symptoms typically resolve within 24-48 hours, please check in with your health care provider if you are not feeling well.

It takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. A person could be infected with COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

This is why it is important to **continue to social distance, wash hands, and wear masks even after vaccination.** For more information about COVID-19 and the vaccine, visit here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

