

**As of October, 2022,
1.6 million people
have been
infected and
21,847 have died
of COVID-19 in Missouri.**

Make an appointment today to get vaccinated.

Keep up with the COVID-19 rates in your area:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>



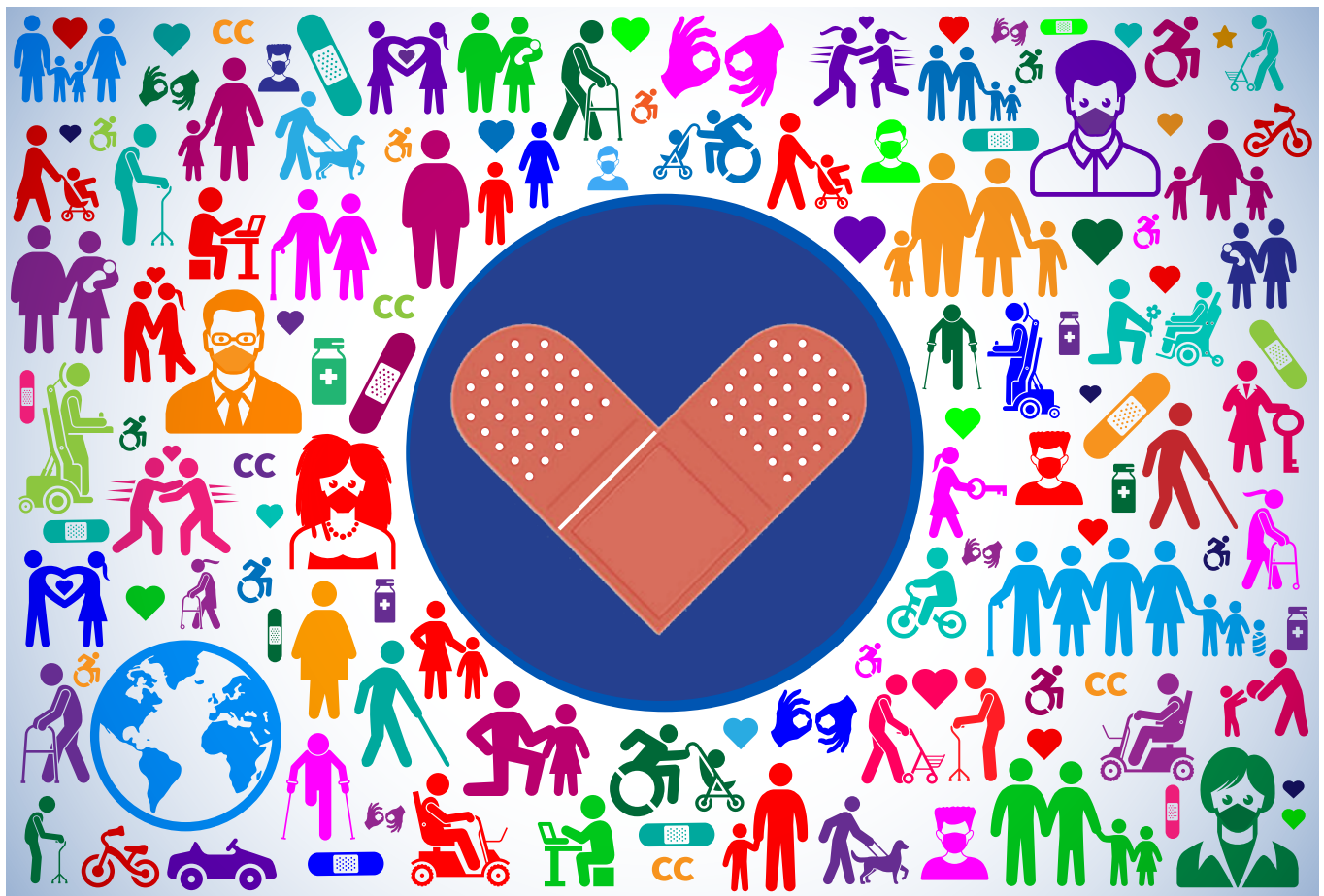
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Stay safe. Stay healthy.

We've got your back.

If you haven't gotten all your COVID-19 vaccines, including the boosters, it's time! Your CIL is your trusted source to find an accessible vaccine site near you.

Ask someone at your CIL today!

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MYTH

Ingredients in the COVID-19 vaccine are dangerous.

FACT

Nearly all ingredients in vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – including fats, sugars, and salts.



All COVID-19 vaccines teach your body to fight COVID-19.

Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection. None of the COVID-19 vaccines can give you COVID-19.

Be safe and get vaccinated.



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Source: CDC "Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

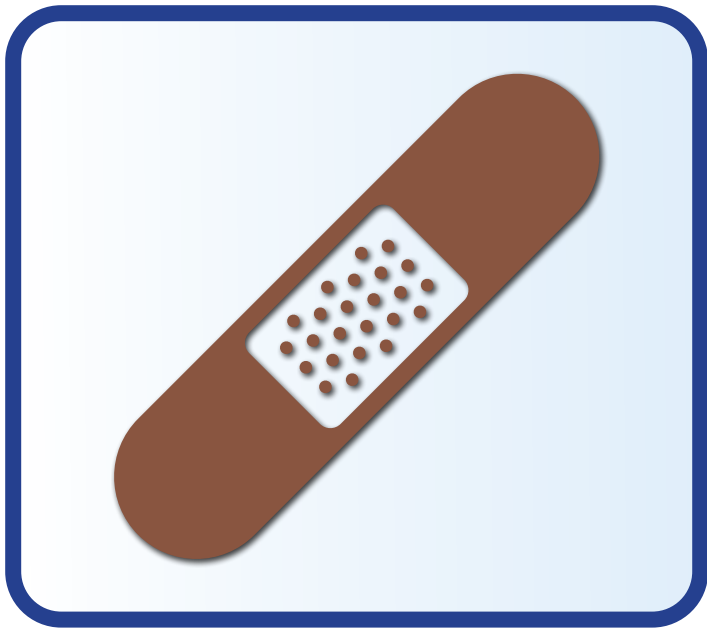
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MYTH

A COVID-19 vaccine can make me sick with COVID-19.

FACT

None of the COVID-19 vaccines cause COVID-19.



While some people experience side effects, they are not getting COVID-19 from the vaccine. Side effects usually go away after a few days. **If your arm is sore, or you have mild symptoms - that's how you know the vaccine is working.**

If you experience possible side effects, you can report them at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>



Vaccines help keep you and your loved ones healthy.



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MYTH

Natural immunity is better than getting vaccinated.

FACT

The COVID-19 vaccine is safer because it builds immunity *without* having to be sick with the virus.



Getting COVID-19 is deadly and can create long-term health problems.

The COVID-19 vaccine helps you stay safe.

The more people vaccinated,
the greater the community's immunity.



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MYTH

COVID-19 is no more serious than the flu.

FACT

Compared to the flu, COVID-19 can make you sicker and is easier to spread.



Getting COVID-19 can be worse than getting the flu. You can get sicker, and spread COVID-19 for a longer period of time than the flu. You may even get others sick without showing symptoms.

Don't spread COVID-19;
stay masked and get vaccinated!



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MYTH

You recover from COVID-19 and are done with it.

FACT

People respond to COVID-19 differently and recover from COVID-19 on their own timeline.



While not all people experience serious symptoms after getting COVID-19, you may be recovering for weeks or months, or may even die. Some people also don't fully recover and have long-term symptoms, known as Long or Post-COVID.

Get vaccinated today, live well tomorrow.



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MYTH

COVID-19 vaccines
will affect my fertility.

FACT

**No vaccine, including
the COVID-19 vaccine,
causes problems
becoming pregnant.**



Vaccines will help you
stay alive and healthy
to raise your children.

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Source: CDC "COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding"

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html>

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MYTH

Pregnant people should not get the COVID-19 vaccine.

FACT

The COVID-19 vaccine is *safe* and *effective* in protecting your baby and you during pregnancy and breastfeeding.



If you have COVID-19 during your pregnancy, you are at risk of complications that can affect your baby and you.

If you are pregnant or were recently pregnant, you are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.

Get vaccinated to protect yourself and your developing baby.



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MYTH

There's no use in getting vaccinated because new variants keep popping up.

FACT

Vaccinations can help stop new variants.



As the virus spreads, it is likely to change. High vaccination rates reduce spread and help prevent new variants.

The more people vaccinated, the less chance a virus will spread.

The more people vaccinated,
the safer your community.



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MYTH

There is no need to wear face masks.

FACT

Wearing a face mask prevents COVID-19 from spreading.



COVID-19 is dangerous, and more inconvenient than wearing a mask. Masks prevent the virus from going into the air.

Some people with disabilities can't wear masks. Talk with your doctor or someone at your CIL to find options for you.

Protect your loved ones and yourself; wear a mask.



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Source: Source: CDC "Types of Masks and Respirators" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>

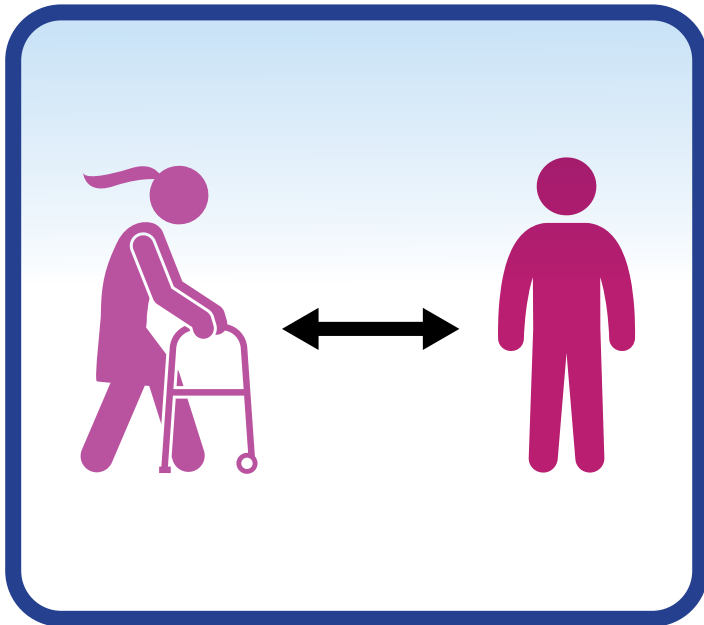
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MYTH

Social distancing doesn't make a difference; you either will or won't catch COVID-19.

FACT

Being too close to people who may have COVID-19 increases your chances of getting COVID-19.



The closer you are to others, the more likely you will get COVID-19. Distancing protects people you want to keep safe.

Avoid crowded areas; keep distance between yourself and others.



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Source: CDC "Understanding Exposure Risks" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/risks-exposure.html#:~:text=Being%20closer%20to%20someone%20who,to%20someone%20with%20COVID%2D19>.

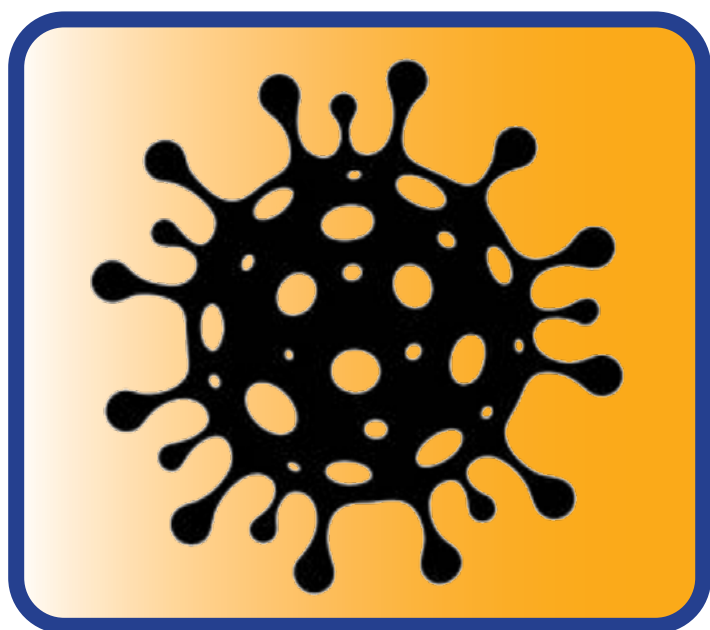
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MYTH

There is a cure for COVID-19.

FACT

There is no cure for COVID-19.



Several dangerous myths exist about prevention measures and cures, such as drinking alcohol, bleach, or homemade treatments.

None of them work, and some, such as drinking bleach or drinking too much alcohol, can be harmful.

Don't be harmed by rumors about cures and prevention!



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Source: Mayo Clinic "Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)" <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/diagnosis-treatment/drc-20479976>

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