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# WNY COVID Working Group

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### Notes on the Vaccines

#### Key Points

- The COVID-19 vaccines are our path out of the pandemic.
- The vaccines are safe and effective. A COVID-19 vaccine can keep you out of the hospital. It can prevent you from dying of COVID-19.
- Science tells us it is impossible for the vaccines to cause COVID-19 disease. The vaccines cannot affect your genes.
- The elderly and disabled may need help with scheduling. Please help them.

#### Other Points

**How was the vaccine created so quickly?** Usually, vaccines are developed in phases that occur one after another. The COVID-19 vaccines were developed quickly by doing those phases simultaneously. Researchers from around the world cooperated and shared data to meet the FDA's rigorous safety and efficacy requirements. Scientists were able to manufacture vaccine doses at the same time as the vaccine research trials were conducted. This way, there was no lag time between FDA authorization and vaccine delivery. No short cuts were taken in making this safe and effective vaccine.

**Please continue to protect yourself and others even after getting fully vaccinated.** Maintain a 6-foot distance away from others. Wear a mask over your mouth and nose when near others outside your home. Stay home when you are sick. Avoid crowded places. Wash your hands often.

**There is currently no information on how long vaccine-induced immunity lasts.**

**Get both vaccine doses if two are required by the manufacturer.** These vaccines will be less effective and may not last as long with only one dose.

**Individuals who had COVID-19 more than 3 months ago still need the vaccine.**

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