

COVID-19 Vaccination Safety

A safe and effective vaccine is a critical tool to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. Brookings Health System is working hand-in-hand with the South Dakota Department of Health to provide access to the vaccine.

We have closely monitored the development of the COVID-19 vaccines for both safety and effectiveness.

- ◆ The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) rigorous testing utilizes independent checks to ensure safe vaccine development.
- ◆ FDA senior scientists make the final approval before a vaccine is released for use.
- ◆ Early data on the vaccines is very promising, showing effectiveness levels as high as 95%, and only mild and temporary side effects like headache, fatigue and mild fever, all common signs that show a vaccine is working to help the body build immunity.

Vaccine recipients can feel confident in our support and dedication to your health and the health of our community.

- ◆ We will only administer the vaccine to groups of people for whom the vaccine has been shown to be safe and effective.
- ◆ You will be provided the information and education you need to make an informed decision about vaccination.
- ◆ We will schedule your vaccination appointment and ensure that masking, social distancing and hand hygiene are in place.
- ◆ Your vaccine will be supervised by a licensed health care professional who has been fully trained to administer this vaccine.
- ◆ After you receive your vaccination, you will be monitored for at least 15 minutes by a licensed health care professional.
- ◆ We will share information with you about the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's V-SAFE mobile app. By enrolling in **V-SAFE**, you will receive regular text messages directing you to surveys where you can report any problems or adverse reactions you have after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.
- ◆ We will schedule the next shot in your vaccination series, if applicable, to ensure you are as protected as possible.

If you have an adverse reaction or a health problem that occurs after your vaccination, please:

- ◆ Contact your clinic or primary care provider. Your primary care provider has the best understanding of your health history.
- ◆ In a true emergency, dial 911.

The public is encouraged to report adverse reactions to **VAERS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.**

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