



# Safety Tidbits

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## **COVID-19 Vaccine: KNOW THE FACTS, NOT THE MYTHS**

As we continue to march strong as a team thru the COVID-19 pandemic and all its challenges, it's important that we keep you up-to-date with the latest information regarding the CV-19 vaccination. Knowing the FACTS and dismissing the MYTHS is essential so that we can reach herd immunity within our job sites as well as nationwide. **JOI MANAGEMENT APPRECIATES YOUR DEDICATION TO CONTINUING TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR CUSTOMERS! WE THANK EACH & EVERYONE ONE OF YOU!**

MYTH	FACT
If I've already tested positive for CV-19, I don't need a vaccine.	Re-infection is possible for those who have tested positive for CV-19, people who have already gotten sick may still find it beneficial to get vaccinated. There is not enough evidence currently to determine how long someone's natural immunity will protect them from re-infection or falling ill. Booster shots for fully vaccinated individuals are recommended 8 months after they are fully vaccinated.
The CV-19 vaccine changes your DNA.	The CV-19 vaccine does NOT change or interact with your DNA in any way. The two CV-19 vaccines that have been authorized and recommended for use in the U.S. deliver instructions (genetic material) to our cells to <b>start building protection against the virus that causes CV-19</b> . The material never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept.
Getting the vaccine gives you CV-19.	The CV-19 vaccine cannot/will not give you CV-19. The vaccine's job is to create the proteins that <b>strengthen your immune system to fight the virus</b> . Without the creation of these proteins, your body will not be able to recognize and fend off the virus.
After getting a CV-19 vaccine, I will test positive for CV-19 on a viral test.	None of the authorized and recommended CV-19 vaccines cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection. Neither can any of the CV-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the U.S. If your body develops an immune response to vaccination, which is the goal, you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how CV-19 vaccination may affect antibody test results.
CV-19 vaccine side effects are dangerous.	Vaccine side effects are completely normal and will vary from person to person. If you feel any side effects, rest assured that your body is working to build your immune system to fight the coronavirus. Contact your doctor if symptoms last more than 2 days.
Researchers rushed the development of the CV-19 vaccine.	There are many reasons why the CV-19 vaccines were developed quickly, but that does not mean they are any less effective. The two initial vaccines have been found to be 95% effective. Due to the global scale of the coronavirus pandemic, there was a lot of international collaboration and funding efforts that helped propel the development of the vaccines.
Getting the vaccine means I can stop wearing my mask.	<b>Those who have gotten vaccinated will need to continue taking the same coronavirus precautions they've been taking before getting vaccinated.</b> Vaccines are not a cure and do not prevent the coronavirus from transmitting or contracting the virus. Vaccines assist in building your immune system to prevent a moderate to severe case. Fully vaccinated people can still carry and transmit the virus to others.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

As of April 15, 2021, San Diego County has opened up vaccine eligibility to all who are 16-years-old and older. Georgia state vaccine eligibility is open for everyone 12-years-old and older (Pfizer only). For those who may want to get vaccinated and would like to schedule a vaccination appointment over the phone, **call the County of SD Health Dept.'s CV-19 Hotline (833-422-4255) or Georgia state's Vaccine Scheduling Hotline (888) 457-0186.**

**EXTENDED DEADLINE: There's Still Time to Enter JOI's Vaccination Drawing!**

At last unofficial count, we had nearly **45% of JOI employees fully vaccinated**. As previously announced, JOI will be holding a **DRAWING FOR PRIZES** in appreciation of those that are helping our nation reach COVID-19 herd immunity. **All employees who have voluntarily been fully vaccinated are eligible to participate. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, you still have time to be entered into the drawing!**

**How to Enter the COVID-19 Vaccination Drawing:**

- \* All you need to do is provide your Project Manager a copy of your vaccination card **no later than Monday, September 20, 2021.**
- \* Drawings will be held at each site with loads of prizes being awarded!
- \* **Respecting your privacy: prize winners' names will not be announced, but will instead be contacted directly by the Safety Dept.**



**The following are our safety drawing winners for last month.**  
 Congratulations and thank you for participating!! Your prize is on its way!

**Mariela Jimenez** (NMC)  
**Brian Solow** (FS-1)  
**Karen Young** (VAMC)  
**Justin Agawin** (Ft. Irwin)  
**Ulises Brewer** (32 Street)



**Miguelangel Ramirez** (Sentri)  
**Carlos Salazar** (SYLPOE)  
**Corazon Lennartson** (FS-5)  
**Adrina Gutierrez** (SBL)  
**Leora Taira** (Corporate)

Complete the following quiz & turn it in to your Project Manager by **Friday, 8/27/21** to be entered into our drawing! Winners will receive a prize.

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| 1. There is still time to enter JOI's Vaccination Drawing—confidentiality will be maintained—winners' names will <u>not</u> be announced. | T | F |
| 2. The CV-19 vaccine will change your DNA.  | T | F |
| 3. Getting vaccinated means you can stop wearing masks.   | T | F |
| 4. Booster shots are recommended for fully vaccinated people.   | T | F |
| 5. Someone who has already tested positive for CV-19 does not need to get vaccinated; they are immune forever.                            | T | F |

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