COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A

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How soon will I be protected?

You are not considered to be at maximum protection until two weeks have passed after your second dose.

If you are exposed to COVID-19 before the vaccine has had time to become effective, you could still get COVID-19.
Can I throw away my mask after getting vaccinated? **NO**

You should still continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, socially distance, and follow all public health guidelines.
Does the vaccine work? YES

Both Moderna and Pfizer report their vaccines show approximately 94-95% efficacy at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection.
I had COVID-19, should I get the vaccine? YES

People who’ve had COVID-19 can still benefit from the vaccine. If you have an active case on your vaccination date, reschedule for after your isolation or quarantine period has ended and your symptoms have resolved.
Will I be able to get the vaccine on campus? YES

Georgia Southern University is an approved vaccine provider. We will be able to vaccinate our community of students, faculty, and staff as vaccines become available. Watch your inbox for more information!
Do I have to pay to get the vaccine? **NO**

The vaccine is provided at no-cost to you.
Is the vaccine safe? YES

The vaccine is new but the science used to create it has been tested and proven effective for years.

The vaccine has met FDA safety and efficacy standards and was made available in the United States through an emergency use authorization.
Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine? NO

None of the vaccines in use contain live virus, so a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.