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# COVID-19 FAQ

**Q: Can I get sick with COVID-19 more than once?**

**A:** You can get infected with COVID-19 more than once. Getting vaccinated with all recommended doses of a vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from a serious case of COVID-19.

**Q: Can you transmit COVID-19 if you have been vaccinated?**

**A:** Yes, vaccinated people are still able to transmit COVID-19, but the vaccine helps reduce transmission by limiting the length of time they are infectious.

**Q: My child has some symptoms that could be COVID-19. What should I do?**

**A:** Children with symptoms of respiratory illness such as runny nose, cough, sore throat should stay home until they feel well enough to return to school. These symptoms can usually be managed well at home. Children aged 5 years and older can be vaccinated as soon as their symptoms are gone.

**Q: Why do I need to get vaccinated if I have had COVID-19. Don't I have immunity?**

**A:** Not everyone develops a strong immune response after having COVID-19. The vaccine is the best way to ensure immunity. You can get vaccinated as soon as you have recovered and completed your self-isolation.

**Q: I still have COVID-19 symptoms after my isolation has ended. Should I keep isolating?**

**A:** Continue to isolate for longer if you have a fever or are not feeling better. Mild symptoms do not necessarily mean that you are contagious after 5 days. It can take longer to completely recover from the illness.

**Q: How long does a cough linger when you test positive for COVID-19?**

**A:** Most people with COVID-19 feel better within two weeks. Some people take longer to feel better. If you have lingering symptoms of COVID-19 visit the [Post-COVID-19 Care & Recovery](#) page here.

**Q: How do I manage my COVID-19 symptoms at home?**

**A: Most people can safely manage their COVID-19 symptoms with home treatment, such as drinking fluids, rest, and using a humidifier or hot shower. If you have a fever, you can use non-prescription medicine like acetaminophen or ibuprofen.**

**Q: Can I get the flu and COVID-19 vaccine close together?**

**A: Yes! COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as most other vaccines including the flu vaccine. You do not need to delay vaccination. It's important to protect yourself against respiratory viruses in flu season.**

**Q: Should I get my second dose if I had side effects after my first dose?**

**A: Yes! You need all recommended doses to get the most effective and long-term protection. Most side effects are not serious and should go away on their own. You can apply an ice pack to painful areas or take medications to ease discomfort. If you had serious side effects, talk to your health care provider before receiving your 2nd dose.**



**Q: Can my child go to school if someone in the household has COVID-19?**

**A: If your child does not have any symptoms they can continue to attend school. Everyone in the household should be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if they develop symptoms until they feel better.**

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/common-questions>