

Immunity is your body's ability to resist or fight off an infection. Your immune system is a network of cells throughout your body that helps you stay healthy and protected, and helps you get better when you are infected.

What does immunity mean?



How do vaccines work?

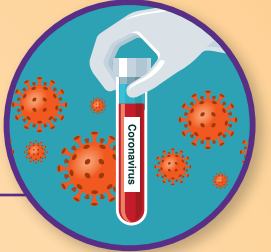
Vaccines train our immune systems to create proteins that fight disease, known as 'antibodies', like when we are exposed to a disease but vaccines work without making us sick.



Who is eligible for the vaccine?

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is free for all who are 12 or older, regardless of your immigration or citizenship status. You do not need state-issued ID or insurance to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations do not count under the public charge rule.

Who is eligible for COVID-19 testing and treatment?



Testing is free to all eligible New Yorkers, including immigrants. If you are not a citizen or do not have insurance, you can still get free COVID-19 testing and treatment at no cost.



How does community immunity work?

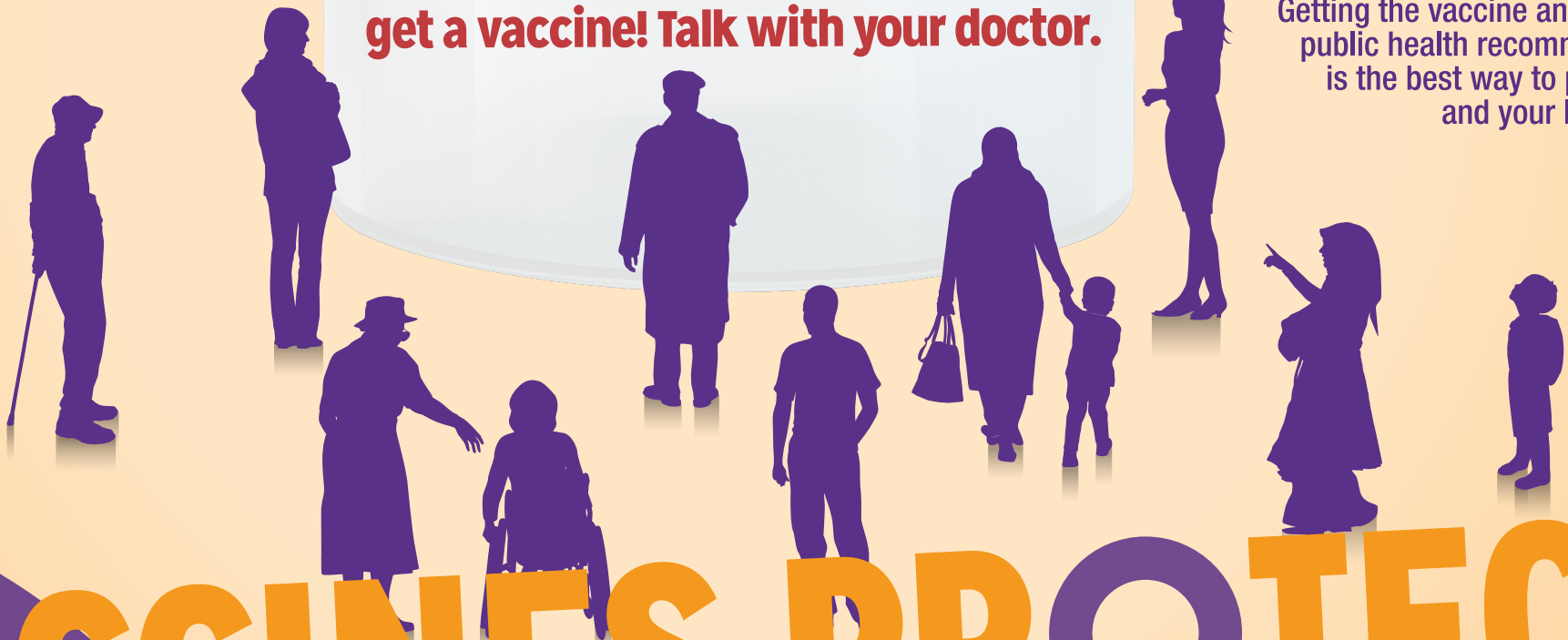
Also known as herd immunity. Community immunity is the reduction in risk of infection within a population. This occurs when a large portion of the community gets vaccinated, stopping the spread of COVID-19 from person to person. As a result, the entire community becomes protected.

Who will you protect if you get vaccinated?



Getting vaccinated will protect the most vulnerable (at-risk) members of our communities, including older adults, people who are immune-compromised and children. Getting the vaccine and following public health recommendations is the best way to protect you and your loved ones.

If you've had COVID-19, you should still get a vaccine! Talk with your doctor.



VACCINES PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITY

It is **SAFE AND SMART** to seek care at public hospitals, emergency rooms, COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, free clinics, and community health centers. Take care of yourself, your family, and your community.

How to get vaccinated in New York City:

Visit vax4nyc.nyc.gov to make an appointment for a vaccine online. To make your appointment by phone call **877-VAX-4NYC** or **877-829-4692**. To find a location offering walk-in appointment options, visit <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>.

How to get vaccinated in New York State:

Check your eligibility and make your vaccine appointment at <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> or call the New York State vaccination hotline to scheduling your appointment: **1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829)**

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