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COVID-19 Update II

January 24, 2020

Vaccine Safety

As LA County continues to open up vaccinations to new populations following the [Distribution Phases and Tiers](#), we know that many members of our school communities have questions and concerns about the process and even the safety of the vaccines.

The information below consists of FAQ's from various sources, articles about how some communities are responding and feeling about the vaccines, and additional resources to get information. It is important that we stay informed about the facts of COVID related issues that will impact our own families, and our schools and school communities. If you have questions please feel free to Slack Mr. Dueñas. This information is not intended as medical advice.

UNIDOS US FAQ: COVID-19 Vaccine & Clinical Trials Participation

Formerly known as NCLR—Unidos US has remained a trusted, nonpartisan voice for Latinos. Unidos US serves the Hispanic community through research, policy analysis, and state and national advocacy efforts, as well as in program work in communities nationwide. Unidos US partners with a national network of nearly 300 Affiliates across the country to serve millions of Latinos in the areas of civic engagement, civil rights and immigration, education, workforce and the economy, health, and housing.

YPICS is an active affiliate of Unidos US.

Here is a List of Some the Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Covid-19 vaccine and how does it work?
2. What is the process of developing the Covid-19 vaccine?
3. Can the Covid-19 vaccine transmit the virus?
4. Does the Covid-19 vaccine contain the live virus that causes Covid-19?
5. What are the current Covid-19 vaccines available?
6. Are there other vaccines on the way?
7. Why are there so many Covid-19 vaccines in development?
8. How often will I need to get vaccinated against Covid-19?
9. Who will get the Covid-19 vaccines first?
10. When can most americans get vaccinated against Covid-19?
11. Will the vaccine be available regardless of ability to pay or health coverage?
12. Will the vaccine be available for the undocumented community?
13. Will my local pharmacy offer the Covid-19 vaccines once they are available to the public?
14. Who verifies the Covid-19 vaccines are safe?
15. How do I know the Covid-19 vaccines are safe and effective, given how quickly the vaccines are being developed?

Click on the button below to read the answers on the UNIDOS US FAQ. Two other FAQ's are also provided from the MAYO Clinic and Forbes Magazine.

[Click Here for the Unidos Us FAQ](#)[Click Here for the Mayo Clinic FAQ](#)[12 Most Common ?'s About Covid Mutations And Vaccines](#)[Our National & Community Leaders are Getting Vaccinated](#)

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Our National & Community Leaders are Getting Vaccinated



Joe Biden Vaccinated

President of the United States



Alex Padilla Vaccinated

United States Senator representing California (From Pacoima)



Janet Murguía Vaccinated

UNIDOS US Chief Executive Officer

Latino and African American Communities Have Concerns About the Vaccines Due to Historical Events

Opinion- I'm a Black doctor who didn't trust the Covid vaccine. Here's what changed my mind.

"Let's normalize hesitancy to take a new vaccine. Instead of judgment, we need to empower trusted messengers to answer community questions and dispel myths."

1. I had to educate myself about how the vaccine had been created. The mRNA technology behind the Covid-19 vaccine has been [under development for decades](#).
2. I read the experiences of [people of color](#) and trusted [Black physicians](#) who participated in vaccine trials.
3. My mom practically begged me to get the vaccine. Since March, she's been hearing my own terrifying stories about Covid-19 patients.
4. My final concern was the risk of a rare, severe and yet undocumented long-term side effect of the vaccine.

Read the full article below.



Opinion | I'm a Black do...

www.nbcnews.com

Covid-19 deaths, long hauler and their symptoms and my loved ones helped changed my mind from 'no' to 'yes' on the coronavirus vaccine.

In Minority Communities, Doctors Are Changing Minds About Vaccination

Many Black and Hispanic Americans mistrust government officials, and instead have turned to physicians they have long known.

Across the country, Black and Hispanic physicians like Dr. Wiley are reaching out to Americans in minority communities who are suspicious of Covid-19 vaccines and often mistrustful of the officials they see on television telling them to get vaccinated. Many are dismissive of public service announcements, the doctors say, and of the federal government.

Although acceptance of the vaccine is notching up, Black and Hispanic Americans — among the groups hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic — remain among the most reluctant to roll up their sleeves.

But the assurances of Black and Hispanic doctors can make an enormous difference, experts say. "I don't want us to benefit the least," Dr. Wiley said. "We should be first in line to get it." Many physicians like her now find themselves not just urging friends and relatives to get the vaccine, but also posting messages on social media and conducting group video calls, asking people to share their concerns and offering reliable information.

"I think it makes a whole lot of difference," said Dr. Valeria Daniela Lucio Cantos, an infectious disease specialist at Emory. She has been running online town halls and webinars on the subject of vaccination, including one with Black and Hispanic employees of the cleaning staff at the university. She believes they are listening, not only because she is Hispanic and speaks Spanish, she said, but also because she is an immigrant — her family is still in Ecuador. "Culturally, they have someone they can relate to," Dr. Cantos said.

Read the full article below.



In Minority Communities, ...

www.nytimes.com

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There's a lot of information swirling about the COVID-19 vaccines but not all of it is true. The following myths and facts address some of the top questions related to the COVID-19 vaccines. Click the button below to learn more:

COVID-19 vaccine: Separating myths from facts

VACCINE MYTH	VACCINE FACT
It was rushed and isn't safe	Researchers took no safety shortcuts. Large studies show the vaccine is safe.
It changes your DNA	It's impossible for the vaccine to change your DNA
It can give you COVID-19	The vaccine doesn't contain a live virus strain
It contains egg protein	It doesn't contain egg proteins and can be given to people with egg allergies
It causes severe side effects	For most, the vaccine causes mild side effects that resolve in a few days
It makes women infertile	There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility



YPICS HR Meeting with Kaiser

After several efforts to schedule meetings with Kaiser Ambassadors we have set a meeting date. The HR team will meeting with Kaiser on February 10th. This meeting may ultimately be unnecessary do to timing. We may get information from the public prior to this meeting. Never the less, we will continue to push for the best and most accurate information possible and share it with you.

As you may be aware, vaccinations are being offered in a variety of spaces across the county not just in hospitals.

ACTIVELY VACCINATING	ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR REST OF
<p>PHASE 1A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Workers Staff & Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities Staff & Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities 	<p>PHASE 1B</p> <p>February</p> <p>Tier 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and Childcare Emergency Services Food and Agriculture
<p>PHASE 1B</p> <p>Tier 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA County Residents 65 and Older 	<p>Tier 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation and logistics Industrial, Commercial, Residential, and Sheltering Facilities and Services Critical Manufacturing Incarcerated Settings Homeless Settings
<p>BOOK AN APPOINTMENT</p> <p>Appointments & Doses are Limited. Additional Slots May Open Later.</p>	<p>Check back often for updates.</p>

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Rates Across Los Angeles are Still High

Pacoima and other areas in the North East San Fernando area are at the top of the cases and deaths per 100,00 residents. Click the button below to see COVID data As of 6:00pm 01/22/2021. Areas in Los Angeles that our schools generally serve (where our students live) are highlighted in blue for the Berts and red for MORCS.

COVID Case Rates in the City of Los Angeles

Other Sources of Information

A Good Source of Info on the Pandemic (English)

A Good Source of Info on the Pandemic (Spanish)

Is there a timeline for vaccinations for children?

A: Trials for children 12+ are currently in progress for both the Moderna (ages 12-17; still enrolling!) and Pfizer (ages 12-15; done enrolling!) vaccines with the most optimistic timeline for vaccine approval in kids 12+ by the start of the 2021 school year. Children will need to be vaccinated for us to achieve herd immunity, but getting the majority of adults vaccinated while approval of the vaccine in kids is pending will still have a large impact on reducing SARS-CoV-2 transmission, morbidity, and mortality.



Why Kids Might Be Key t...

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Children rarely get very ill from COVID-19. But there's another reason to vaccinate them.



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