

Why Vaccinated People Can Get COVID-19

Can fully vaccinated people get COVID-19?

- Yes, although it is rare, fully vaccinated people can get infected. These are sometimes called “breakthrough cases” of COVID-19.

How many people have been infected with COVID-19 that were vaccinated?

- Approximately 6,000 out of over 86 million individuals in the U.S. have been infected with COVID-19 after being fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- One study at a large hospital in Texas showed that out of about 15,000 vaccinated healthcare workers, 7 tested positive for COVID-19.
- Even with infection, they had no symptoms or mild symptoms.

Is this normal?

- No vaccine is 100% effective, which means that we actually expect breakthrough cases, as we have seen.
- While breakthrough cases are unfortunate, there are tens of millions of people being protected from severe disease and death from COVID-19.
- Currently, there is research being done to see if particular variant versions of the SARS-CoV-2 virus may be responsible for these rare cases, but it is not suspected at this time.

Why do fully vaccinated people get infected?

- No vaccines are 100% effective at preventing illness in vaccinated people. There will be a small percentage of fully vaccinated people who still get sick, are hospitalized, or die from COVID-19.

How do I protect myself and my community?

- The COVID-19 vaccine remains the best way we can work together to fight this pandemic.

How can I continue to protect myself and my community?

Fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Wear a face covering, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
- Avoid medium and large sized in-person gatherings.
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

For more information: visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

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COVID-19 Resources: <https://crihb.org/prevention-and-education/public-health>

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines>

