# 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.

## 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 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.

## 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?

- 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.

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