



THE 12 COMMON MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINATION



agencies to ensure that they are safe and effective. (Source [PAHO: Debunking Immunization Myths](#))

MYTH 6: COVID-19 VACCINES CAN GIVE YOU COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccine do not cause COVID-19 infection. Vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. Typical side effects include pain at the injection site, fever, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, and diarrhea. These symptoms are normal and are signs that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after



long-lasting side effects to vaccines are possible but rare]. Vaccine side effects are continually monitored by local authorities to detect rare adverse events. Reported side effects to COVID-19 vaccines have mostly been mild to moderate and short-lasting. They include fever, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, diarrhea, and pain at the injection site. The chances of any of these side effects following vaccination differ according to the specific COVID-19 vaccine. (See more information published by the World Health Organization: [Vaccine Safety Q&A](#)).

MYTH 11: THE VACCINE DOES NOT ALWAYS WORK SO I SHOULD NOT BOTHER TO GET ONE

While several COVID-19 vaccines appear to have high levels of efficacy, no vaccine is 100% protective. As a result, there may be a small percentage of people who do not develop protection