



COVID-19 VACCINE

Rejecting Common Myths: Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines

Most people of color have some level of vaccine hesitancy. Be sure you know the facts before making a decision.

“They didn’t study the vaccine in enough of us.”

Historically ethnic minorities aren’t well represented in clinical trials;

however,

for the COVID-19 Vaccine trials:

- ~20% of participants (Pfizer 18%; Moderna 21%) were non-White
- ~26% of the US population is non-White

FACT: People of color were included in the trials.

“The vaccine will give me COVID.”

There are side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines consistent with symptoms of the infection;

however,

- The vaccines do not contain the live COVID-19 virus, and
- Some side effects are just normal signs that your body is building a defense against COVID-19.

FACT: No one has contracted COVID-19 from the vaccine.

“I don’t trust them.”

Many Black people don’t trust the government’s process of vaccine development;

however,

there are knowledgeable Black Americans who support getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Who do you trust?

- Check out a video featuring W. Kamau Bell and Black doctors including Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, the President & Dean of Morehouse School of Medicine



Montgomery Rice

■ <https://www.greatherthancovid.org/theconversation/>

- Ask your local pharmacist (1 out of 3 pharmacist represent an ethnic minority) who has been at the top of the “Most Trusted Professions” list for years¹

FACT: 1 out of 3 COVID-19 Vaccine recipients identify as being an ethnic minority.²

“I’m gonna wait and see.”

In a recent survey of attitudes toward getting the vaccination, 43% of Blacks are waiting “to see what happens” before they get vaccinated;

however,

- Blacks are dying from COVID-19 at a disproportionate rate to all other races/ethnicities, and
- We’ve already lost at least 73,462 Black lives to COVID-19³

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines have proven to prevent hospitalizations and deaths.

“Isn’t this just about making money?”

Sure, the pharmaceutical companies stand to make millions of dollars from the vaccine sales;

however,

- The federal government is paying for the vaccine for all Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity, and
- The cost is \$0 for everyone, with or without insurance

FACT: The COVID-19 vaccine and the administration of the vaccine is free.

“The vaccines aren’t even effective.”

No vaccine is 100% effective;

however,

- The COVID-19 Vaccines have similar efficacy rates to that of the Polio and Measles vaccines

FACT: Polio and Measles are all but eradicated because of vaccines.

¹www.gallup.com; ²<https://www.kff.org/coronavirus/covid-19/issue-brief/latest-data-on-covid-19-vaccinations-race-ethnicity/>; ³<https://covidtracking.com/race>

Additional resources to address vaccine hesitancy:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html

www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-12/covid-19-vaccine-patient-faqs.pdf

To find a CPESN pharmacist near you, go to www.cpesn.com/finder

