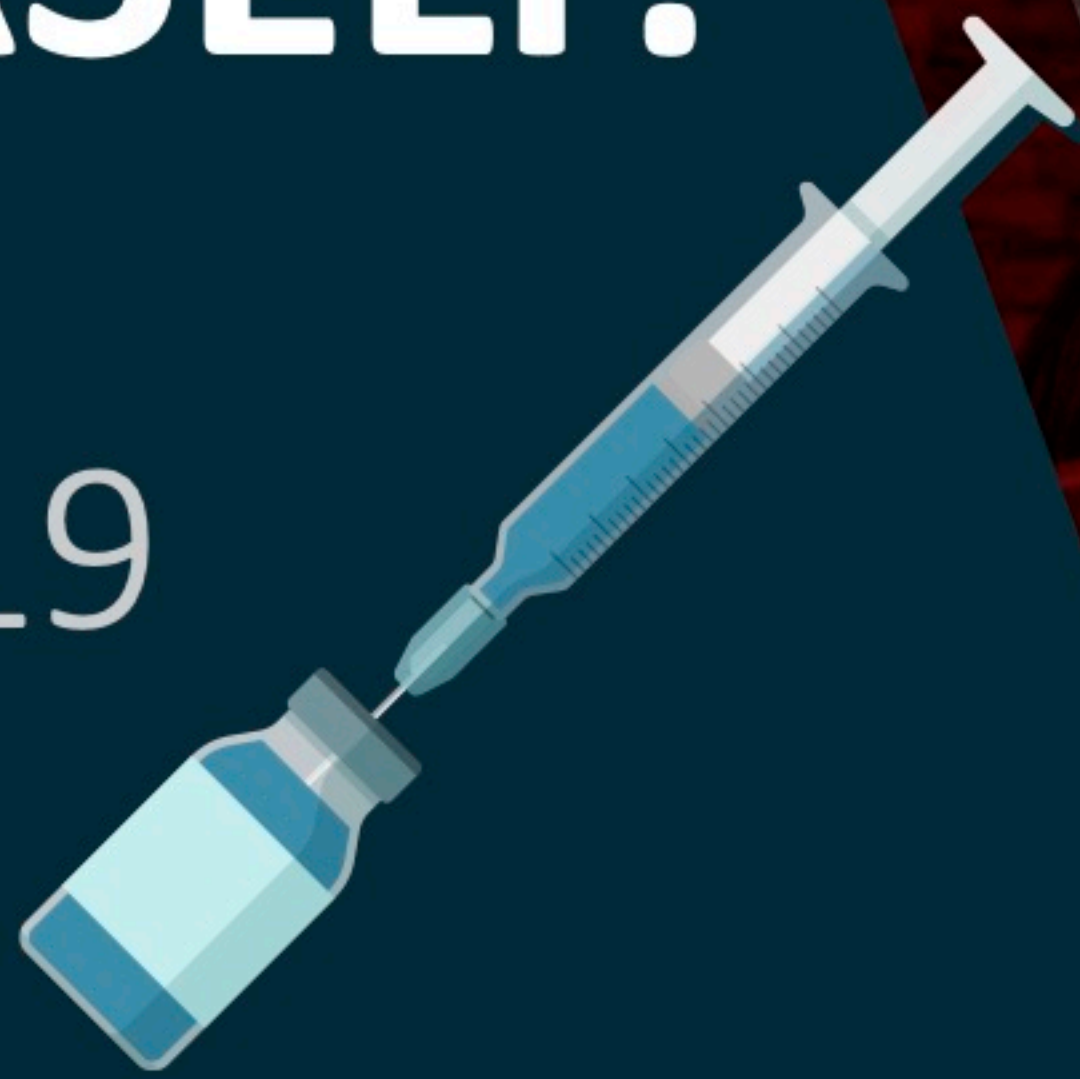# PROTECT YOURSELF.

Get the COVID-19 vaccine.

FOUR REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE

1
IT'S SAFE.

The FDA will only approve vaccines for release under these emergency conditions that have data proving its safety and that meet or exceed minimum efficacy thresholds.

2
IT'S EFFECTIVE.

It's the most effective way to prevent getting COVID-19, and experts believe it may help you from getting seriously ill even if (much like the flu) you do get the virus.

3
IT'S FREE!

Providers must vaccinate persons regardless of their ability to pay. Providers may be able to charge an office visit fee, or administration fee, though this fee can be billed to insurance or Medicare/Medicaid.

4
MINIMAL SIDE EFFECTS.

More than 70,000 people who voluntarily got the vaccine in clinical trials had very low rates of side effects, most common were sore arms at the injection site, some fever or body aches.

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

- Most of the COVID-19 vaccines use two shots, administered three weeks apart, to provide the best protection.

- The vaccine has been tested on more than 70,000 people who volunteered for large-scale clinical trials already.

- Vaccine manufacturers also asked thousands of people from communities of color including Black and Hispanic individuals to participate in their clinical trials.

- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, ask your health care provider if you should be vaccinated.

- You will still need to practice other precautions like wearing a mask, social distancing, handwashing and other hygiene measures until public health officials say otherwise.

- The vaccine may not initially be recommended for use with children or pregnant women. Manufacturers are starting to expand their testing audiences so recommendations allowing use for these groups may be updated at a later date.

For more information on how District residents experiencing homelessness can receive the COVID-19 vaccine, visit **dhs.dc.gov/vacinatedc.gov**