COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides vaccine information gathered from reliable sources to help seniors in our communities make an informed decision about receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Vaccine Information

- Pharmaceutical companies Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna received approval for distribution of their vaccines. Although other vaccines are being tested, these are the only FDA approved vaccines at this time.

Vaccine Information		
Manufacturer	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna
Number of Doses	2 injections 21 days apart	2 injections 28 days apart
Effectiveness	95%	94.1%

Who is eligible to receive the vaccine?

- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a phased distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines. Seniors will be one of the primary recipients in the early phases of the distribution plan. Find out more about which prioritization group you fall into at the Maricopa County Department of Public Health website: https://www.maricopa.gov/5641/COVID-19-Vaccine

How does it work?

- The vaccine works by teaching the body's cells to fight off the virus without the introduction of a live or weakened virus. This means the vaccine *cannot* give recipients COVID-19 and it ***does not*** affect or interact with our DNA in any way.

Are there side effects when receiving the vaccine?

- Some possible side effects include sore arm, redness, or swelling at the injection site, fever, muscle aches, and headache. These occur as the body's immune system responds to the vaccine. Side effects vary for each individual and depends on the level of immune response to the vaccine (the stronger the immune response, the more prominent the side effects).

For more information on the vaccine, how to get vaccinated, and general COVID-19 precautions, please visit the following sites:

- City of Phoenix COVID-19 Information: https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1561
- Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health: https://www.maricopa.gov/5641/COVID-19-Vaccine#when
- Arizona Department of Health Services: https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php
- CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html