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Vax Facts

Right now, there are three COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved and are available in Canada: Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca.

They are different types of vaccines, but they do the same thing: provide instructions to our immune system so it can make a protein that causes our body to protect itself from COVID-19 with antibodies and immune cells.

All three are two-dose vaccines authorized for use in adults only. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have to be stored in special freezers, but AstraZeneca can be stored in a fridge. The type of vaccine you get might depend on when and where you are immunized.

All of the vaccines are effective in preventing COVID-19 infections and reducing the seriousness of illness if you are infected with the virus. This has been shown in clinical trials and in ongoing, real-world monitoring of the vaccines.

Which vaccine should I get?

If you are eligible to be immunized, the answer is clear: The first vaccine available to you.

All of the vaccines approved in Canada are effective, and will help protect you and the people around you.

Vaccines are safe, effective and life-saving. Get the facts on COVID-19 vaccine from reliable sources and visit Manitoba.ca/vaccine for more information.

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