What to do after receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccination combined with prevention measures and testing offer the best protection from getting and spreading the virus.

COVID-19 vaccines approved for emergency use have been shown to be highly effective at preventing severe symptoms of the virus. However, health officials state that even with a vaccine, you may still be able to transmit the virus to others.

**Continue to follow COVID-19 prevention measures.**

How much protection COVID-19 vaccination provides under real-life conditions is still unknown, and it will take many months before most county residents have access to the vaccine.

Everyone should continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic, even those who have been fully vaccinated.

- Stay home and isolate from others when sick
- Wear a face covering
- Wash hands often
- Maintain physical distance and avoid crowds.

**Get tested to help catch cases early.**

If you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested. This is true even after being vaccinated. Tests for COVID-19 work the same in vaccinated people as they do in unvaccinated people.

- If your job requires it, you still need to get tested regularly, even if you had the vaccine.
- Testing keeps you, your family and friends safe
  - Test results are usually returned in two to three days.
  - Walk-ins are available.
  - Go to [lhi.care/covidtesting](http://lhi.care/covidtesting) or call 888-634-1123 to schedule a no-cost test.

Find local information at [humboldtgov.org](http://humboldtgov.org), or call the Humboldt County Joint Information Center at 707-441-5000.