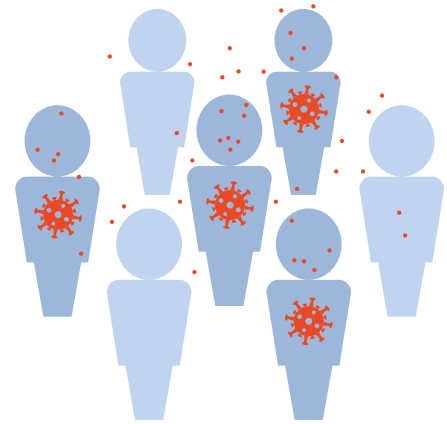


HERD IMMUNITY

Our Way Out of the COVID-19 Pandemic

HOW WE GOT HERE

When a new virus enters a population, it can spread rapidly when the people don't have protective immunities to fight it. The more infectious the disease, the more people (the herd) who will need to be vaccinated to protect the whole community.



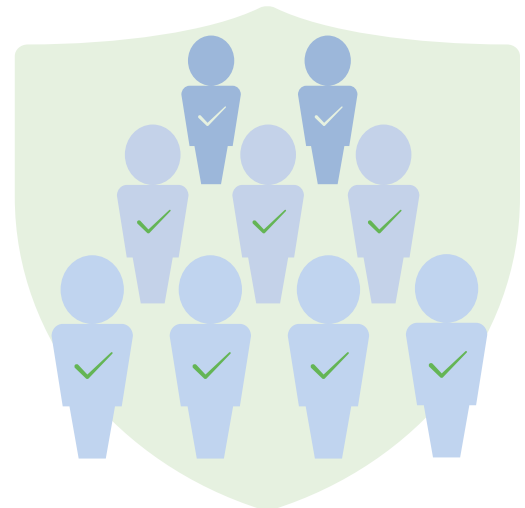
WHY VACCINATE

Vaccines train our immune systems to protect us from diseases that we have not come into contact with before. This immunity also protects others who can't be vaccinated or do not respond to the vaccine and remain susceptible to the disease.

COMMUNITY IMMUNITY

Herd immunity is achieved when the majority of people are vaccinated against a disease. When this happens, the virus runs out of places to go, making further spread unlikely.

When people remain unvaccinated — particularly when clustered in communities — herd immunity can break down, allowing the disease to spread again. Getting vaccinated gives us the best chance of individual and community protection.



Let's get back to the things we love
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