

It's hard to imagine a time when we didn't know COVID-19 existed. Now when people say "virus," we know exactly what they mean! The impact of COVID-19 on our lives, our work, our activities, and our freedom has affected us all.

You've helped keep Wittenberg running through one of the most challenging times in our history. The responsibility is ours, as a community, to help stop this virus. We now have a new, safe, and effective tool to help us do that—COVID-19 vaccines.

It takes everyone and we ask you to join us in protecting our community by getting vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated adds one more layer of protection for you and your family, our co-workers, and our students. Here are some things from the CDC that you should know about COVID-19 vaccination:

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are very effective at preventing the disease.
- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated.

We want the pandemic to be over. We want you all to feel safe at work and in your community and to be able to shake hands with your co-workers.

We all play a part in this effort, and you are key. When the vaccine is available for your age group or health demographic, please sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccination at www.ccchd.com.

Please see additional information on vaccinations on the Wittenberg webpage: <https://www.wittenberg.edu/together/vaccinations> and on the CDC's FAQs web page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>.

Lastly, if you would like to **voluntarily** notify us of your vaccine, please send an email to dsullivan@wittenberg.edu with the two dates you received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, the one date you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or to let us know you are declining the vaccine and the reason for doing so. **This information is being collected on a voluntary basis and in no way will affect your employment. Under HIPAA laws, identifiable healthcare information is protected and must remain confidential. Information will be used for tracking and aggregate reporting purposes only.**