

Things You Need to Know Before You Decide to Vaccinate Against COVID-19

The public is clamoring for a vaccine before coming out of lockdown and quarantine. Many new vaccines are under development and will reportedly receive hasty licensure from the Food and Drug Administration. By law, any medical intervention requires the subject's informed consent.

Informed consent is legally defined by Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations for any medical treatment offered to you and includes:

1. **An opportunity to opt out of vaccination (refuse vaccination) without penalties or recrimination.**
2. **Alternatives to vaccination, if any.**
3. **Privacy (confidentiality), so that vaccination or lack thereof will not be used against you.**
4. **Knowledge of known risks involved and any proposed benefits.**

Other provisions in a consent form should include:

- A. **A copy of the consent form to take home.**
- B. **Name of vaccine manufacturer, type of vaccine, and lot number.**
- C. **The number of individuals needed to vaccinate to prevent a single COVID-19 infection, and the number needed to vaccinate to prevent one COVID-19-related death.**
- D. **Information on whether the vaccine was approved in comparison to an inactive placebo or in comparison to an existing vaccine.**
- E. **An opportunity to refuse a waiver of liability in cases of malpractice.**
- F. **List of possible health factors that predispose you to a poor response to vaccination.**

G. Acknowledgment that the vaccine you are about to receive has been rushed to market and has not undergone customary testing.

H. Acknowledgement that all of the side effects posed by this (or any) new vaccine will not be known until months or years after the vaccine is licensed and approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration. Acknowledgement that the vaccine you receive may be recalled at a later date.

I. Assurance by the health practitioner who administers the vaccine that, in his or her assessment of you as an individual, the proposed benefits of the vaccine exceed its known side effects.

Protect yourself and your loved ones. An 18-page model consent/refusal form has been written by investigative health journalist Bill Sardi and legally reviewed by the National Health Federation (NHF) and is available for \$12.95 (shipping included). The consent/refusal form is intended for vaccine candidates to take with them to their healthcare providers. Proceeds go towards the NHF legal defense fund. Send your check or money order, payable to Knowledge of Health, Inc., 1502 Foothill Blvd., Suite 103, La Verne, California 91750. Or order online at <https://covid19consent.com/>.

