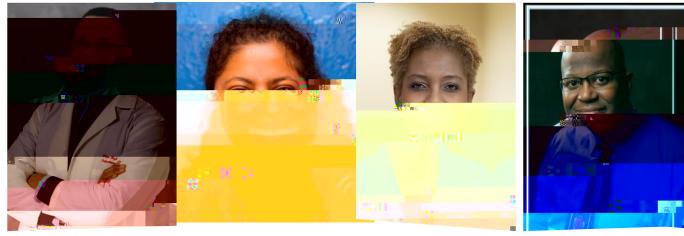
## Building Public Confidence: Debunking COVID-19 Vaccine Myths

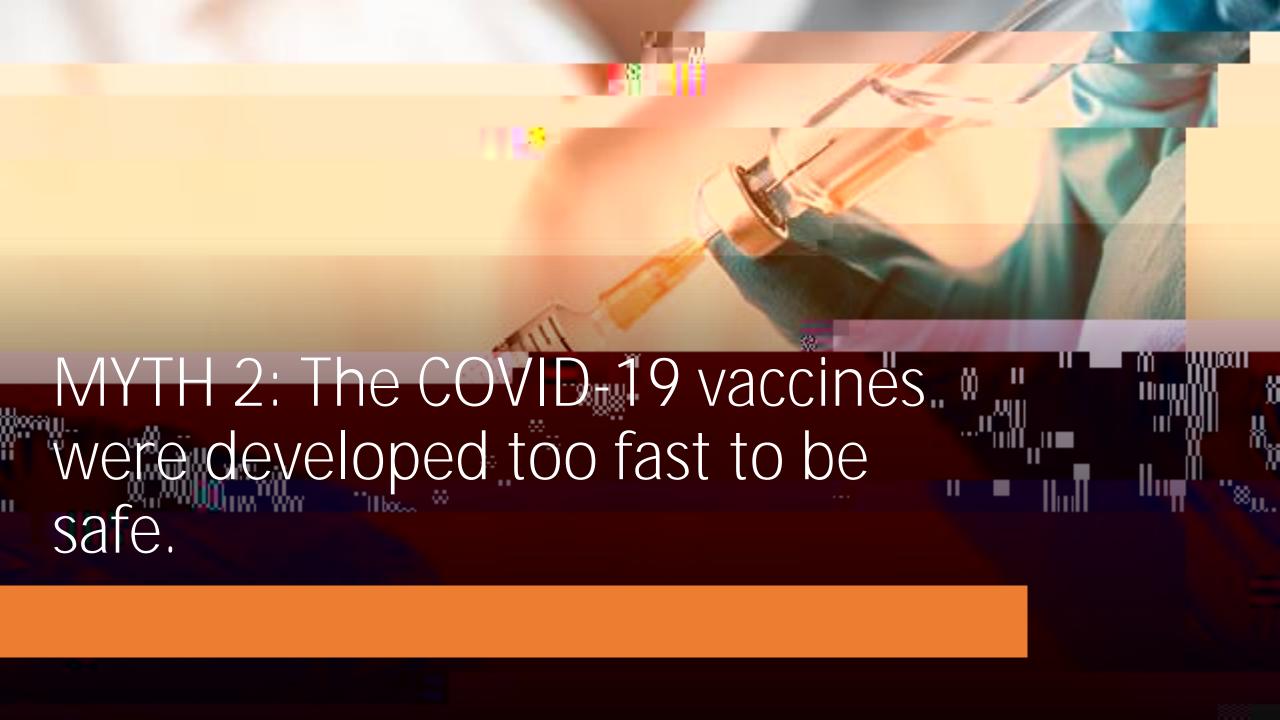
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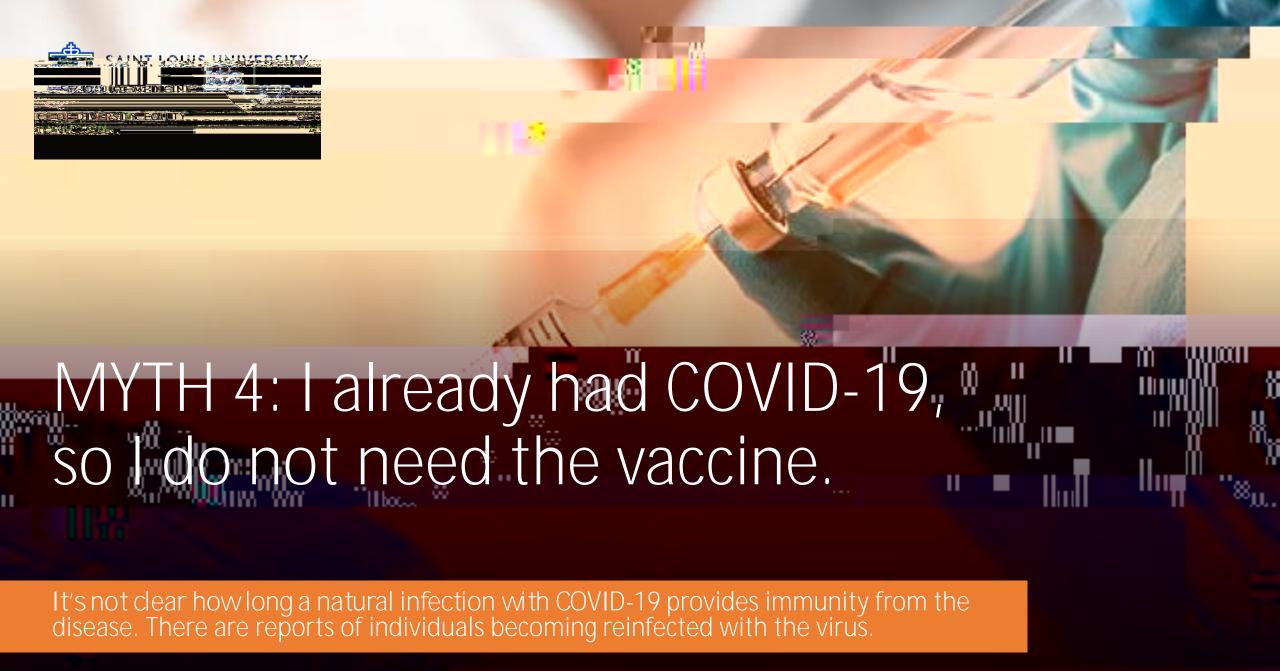






MYTH 3: There were not enough participants in the clinical trials to declare the vaccines safe.

Both COVID-19 vaccines enrolled tens of thousands of participants, many of whom were followed for two months after receiving the second dose, as is common with other vaccine trials.





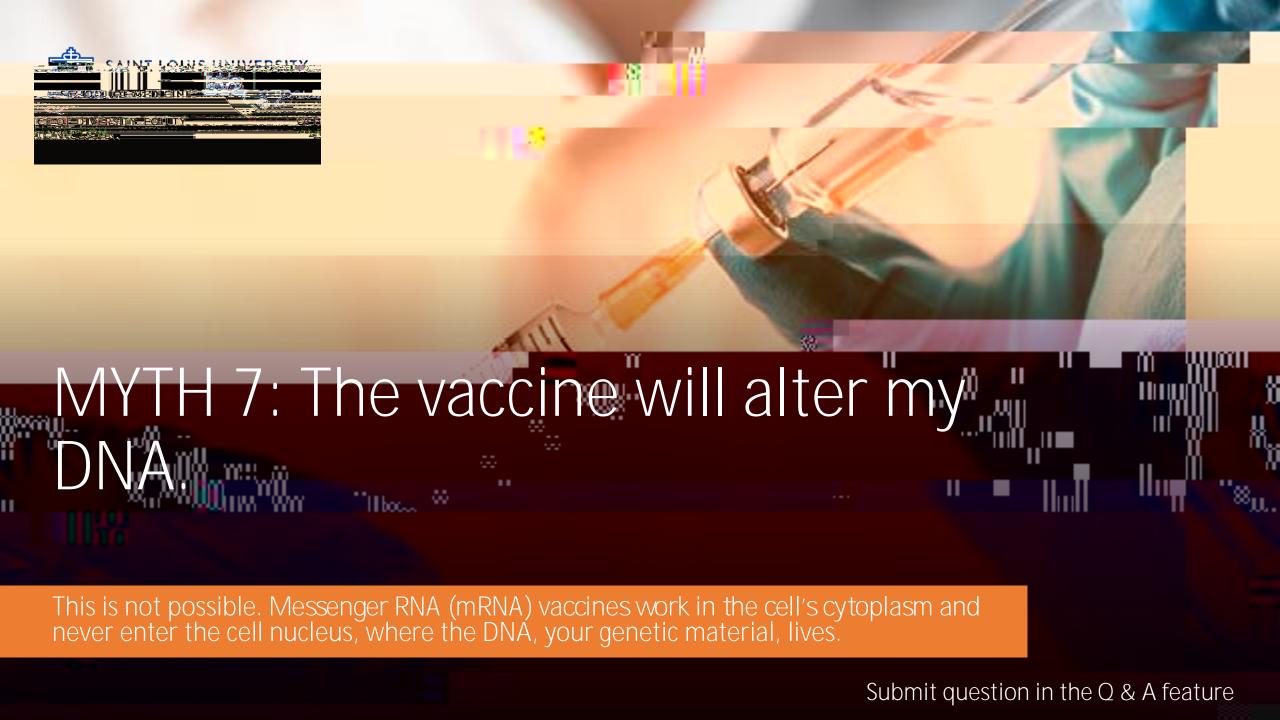
## MYTH 5: COVID-19 vaccines were developed to deliver a microchip into my body.

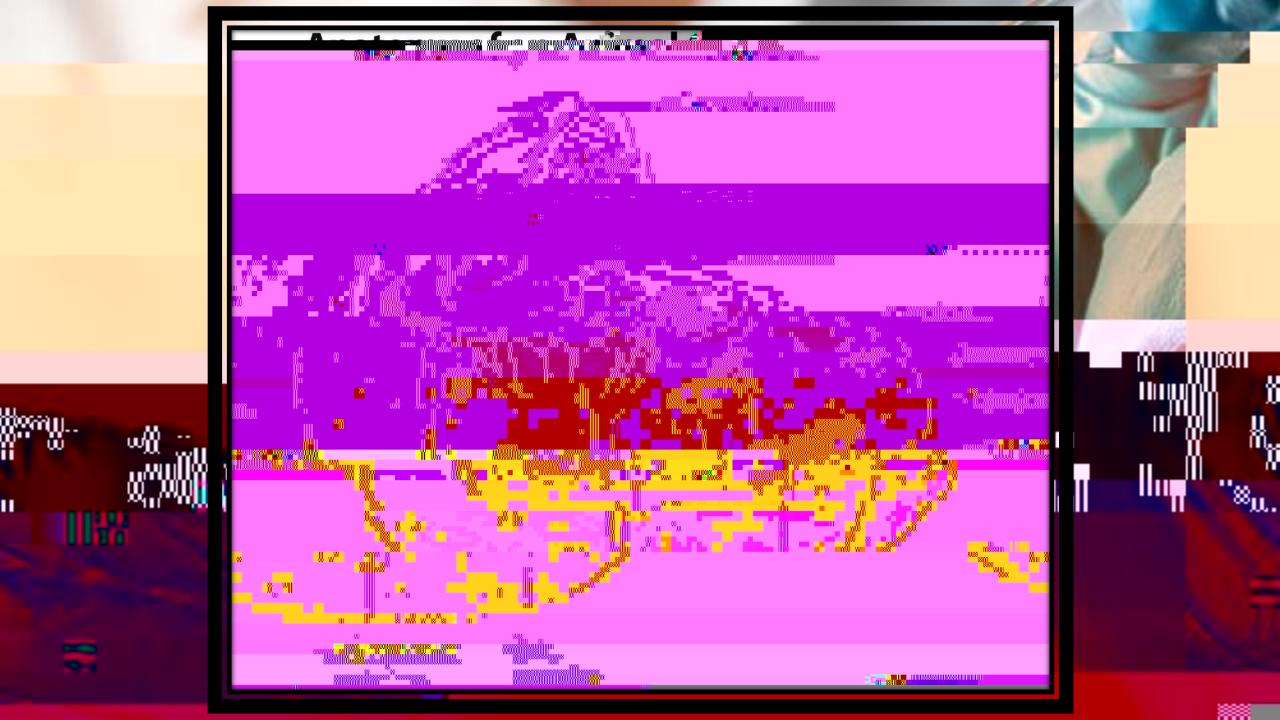
There is not a microchip in the vaccine. This false rumor started after comments were made about digital vaccine records.

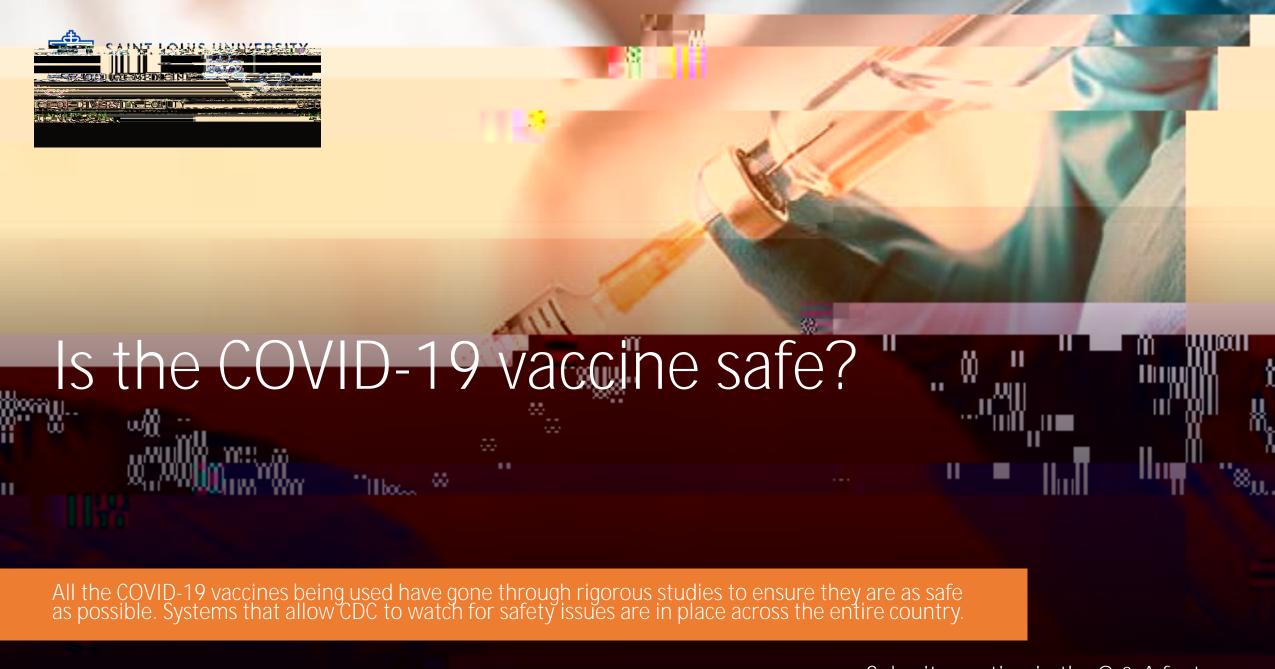


## MYTH 6: I will not need to wear a mask after I am vaccinated.

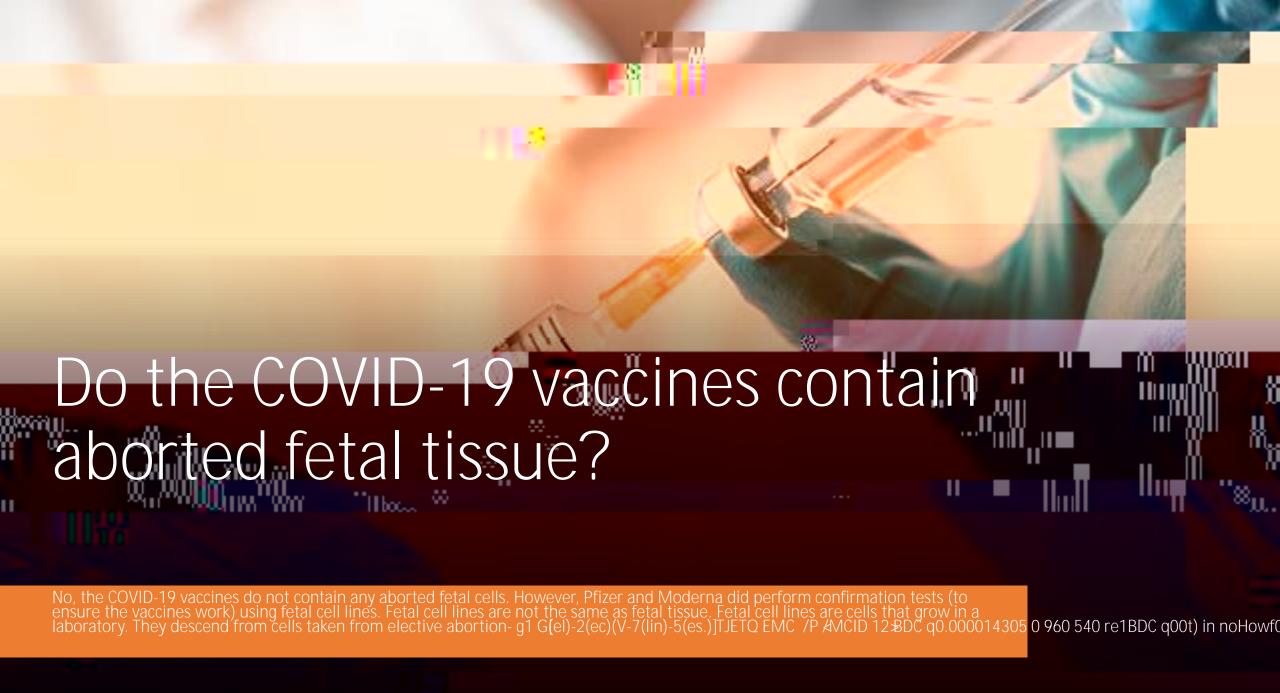
The COVID-19 vaccines protect you from getting seriously ill from COVID-19. But it's not known if the vaccine will keep you from being infected then transmitting the virus to others.

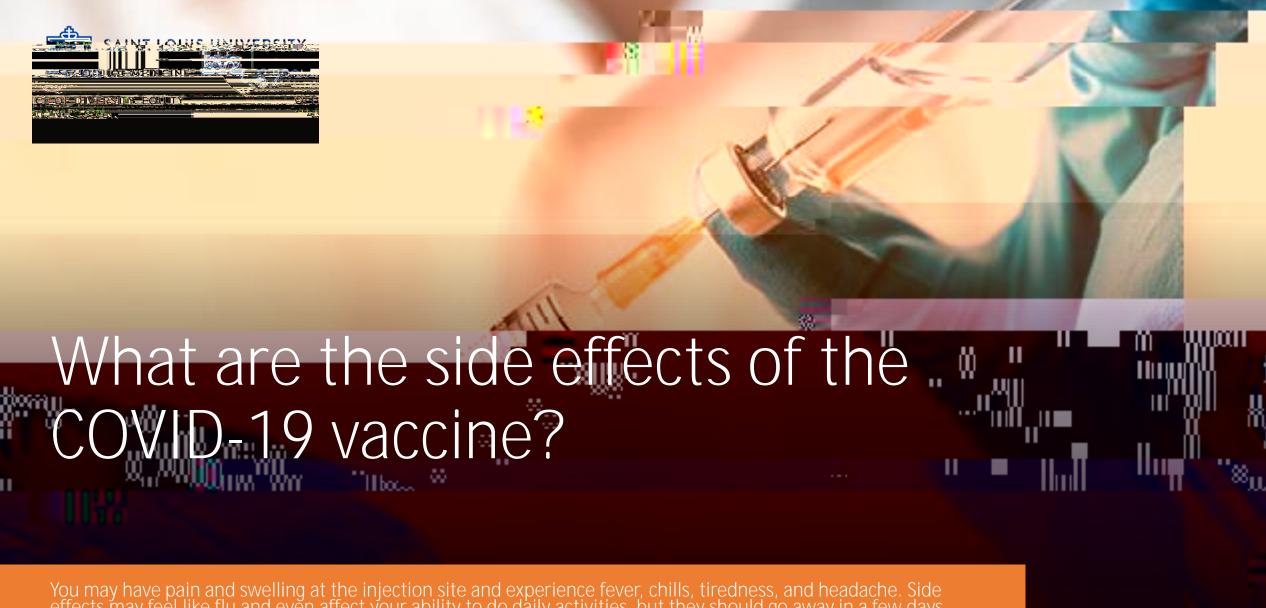








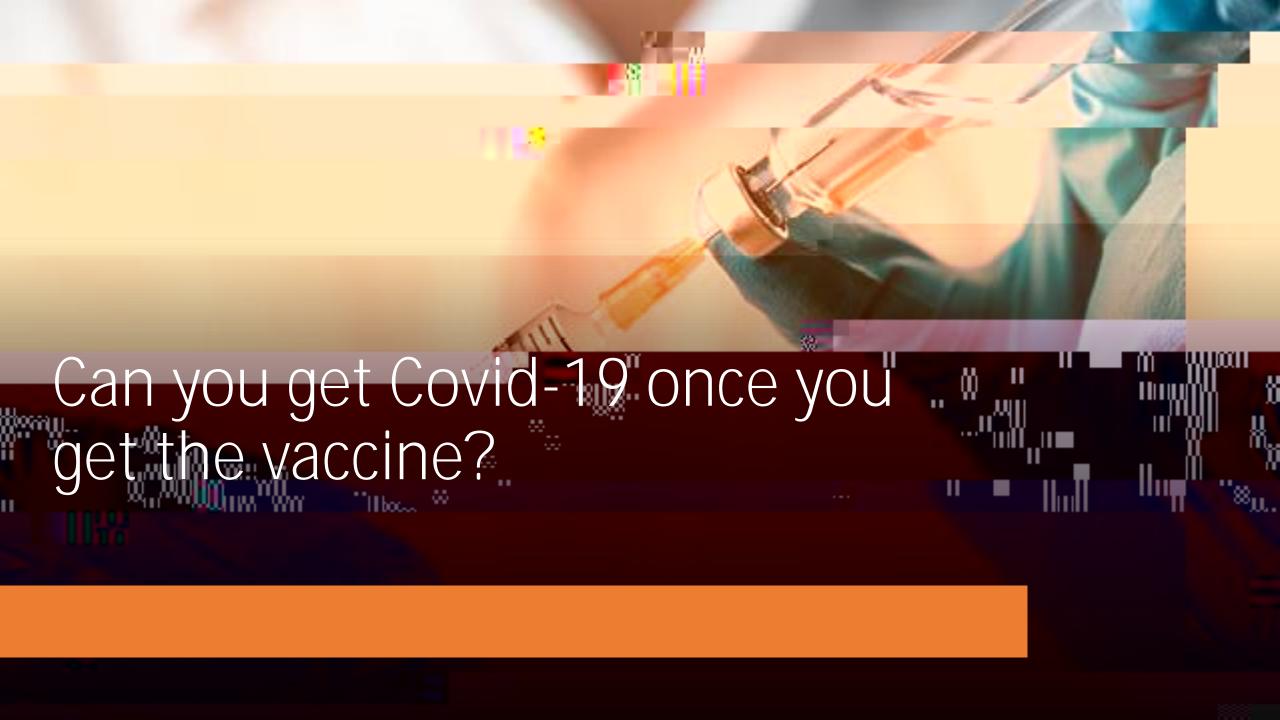




You may have pain and swelling at the injection site and experience fever, chills, tiredness, and headache. Side effects may feel like flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.



Serious problems from vaccination can happen, but they are rare.





## Can you transmit Covid-19 to someone else after getting the vaccine?

We don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself. CDC will continue to update as we learn more.





How can people trust the vaccine in underprivileged communities with the history of being mistreated and tested on in the past?

The choice to be vaccinated for COVID-19 is a personal one. It's vital to have a relationship with your primary care physician and to ask questions and raise concerns until you have answers that allow you to make a good decision for yourself.



