WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW about taking the COVID-19 vaccine

There are many things you should know about what to expect when you choose to take the COVID-19 vaccine, including cost, the time it will take and your own body’s potential response.

The vaccine will be free of cost to all.

Everyone taking the vaccines should assume a roughly three-month period from the first shot until being protected.

The vaccine can create some illness-like symptoms in some people.

Currently, there are no plans to vaccinate children under 16 years of age. Pregnant and nursing women can be vaccinated, but may want to consult their doctor first.

HOW THE VACCINATION PROCESS WILL WORK

No corners have been cut in developing a safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine, despite the speed of that development. High-speed development was the aim of this process in order to respond to the health and economic crisis. Governments around the world have eliminated financial barriers that typically slow down vaccine testing and production. And together, scientists from around the world were able to build on decades of vaccine knowledge to speed up development.

As with all vaccines, the success of this effort depends on you, your neighbors, your family and your friends. If we all join together to get vaccinated, we can protect ourselves, our communities and our state.

STopping this virus will take all of us.