

Q: What it is like to be one of the first people to get this vaccine? What are steps do you go through?

- Before participating in the clinical trial, all the volunteers are given information about the trial, the trial procedures, and possible risks or benefits of the study, and an opportunity to ask questions about the trial, to help them decide. This process is called informed consent. People who are considering joining the trial can take their time to get all the information they need. Also, if they join the trial and later change their mind, they are free to withdraw.
- Before a volunteer is enrolled in the trial, our clinical study team does a medical screening to make sure it is safe for them to enroll. For example, people with serious medical conditions would not be enrolled in the trial, and only healthy volunteers are included.
- Once a person joins the trial, their health is monitored very closely by our physicians. The study team checks for any side effects of the vaccine.
- The study also involves taking blood samples from the study participants, both to check for side effects, and to measure the immune response to the vaccine. These samples are taken the same way as you would provide a blood sample in your doctor's office for a routine test.

Q: What kind of people seem to be interested in participating in the trial?

- That is there is not one kind of the group that has shown interest in participating in the trial. So far, we have vaccinated only four people, but we plan to vaccinate a total of 72 people in the study. The only thing volunteers have in common is the [inclusion criteria](#) ; Must be between the ages of 18 & 55, healthy without any chronic diseases, cannot be healthcare workers including dental providers engaged in direct patient care, must not have previous COVID vaccine or have had Covid infection.
- So far, the volunteers who have enrolled have the same interest in commitment to service and helping contribute to the solution. There are some young students, young men and women working in service industries, science professionals and young active-duty military personnel. The group is diverse in terms of social economic backgrounds.

Q: How many people are in the previous cohort study waiting to join the trial?

There are about 60 to 75 people enrolled in the cohort study. WRAIR had been developing this group of volunteers interested in participation in Covid vaccine Clinical trials at CTC and they had been screened through repeated visits to review their health history and get tested for all labs necessary.

Q: What happens if someone decides to get one of the approved (EUA) vaccines?

This is one of our biggest challenges, we talk about it very explicitly with each prospect candidate. For every research study participant gets the opportunity to either participate or not, and equal opportunity to withdraw if they change their mind. When we consent people, we talk about alternative sets of activities and encourage participants to inform us in case they get the EUA vaccine. No more experimental vaccines are issued to those participants, but we continue to keep them in the study and monitored for safety.

Q: How long are people going to participate in the trial?

- The entire study lasts for 18 months. When a participant joins the study, we hope they will be able to stay with the trial for the full 18 months, but we can collect valuable information with a minimum of 2-month time commitment.
- According to the vaccine schedule, the volunteers get three shots. Most of the volunteers will get one on the first day, second one 28 days (about 4 weeks) later and a third booster shot at 6 months. One third of the volunteers will get the three shots on a slightly different schedule.

Q: How can people signup to participate?

Contact the Clinical Trial Center. Upon sharing your information, one of the recruiters will call you back and arrange a visit.

Call: 866-4-CTC-STUDY or (866-428-2788)

Hours: Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Email: usarmy.detrick.medcom-usamru-w.mbx.clinical-trials@mail.mil

Q: Who is eligible?

Anyone who meets the inclusion criteria is eligible to sign up to participate in the study. The criteria can be found. [here](#).