



COVID-19 Vaccines and Ramadan FAQs for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines

Can Muslims take COVID-19 vaccines during Ramadan? Yes. Taking Covid-19 vaccines currently authorized in the U.S. does not invalidate the fast during Ramadan as per the opinion of the majority of Islamic scholars (e.g., Fiqh Council of North America, Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America, and Initiative on Islam and Medicine).

Is COVID-19 vaccine in alignment with the Sharia? Yes. Vaccinating people against the virus is a way to achieve protection for all. It is congruent with the Sharia because the COVID-19 virus risks the lives of people, particularly the weak and the vulnerable, which is in direct conflict with the Islamic instruction of preserving all human lives.

Are COVID-19 vaccines permissible in Islam? Yes. COVID-19 vaccines are not only permissible in Islam, but also obligatory as they have the potential to stop the spread of an extremely dangerous disease, according to an edict issued by the Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America (AJMA).

Do the authorized vaccines, such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, have pork products in them? No. The ingredients for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna basically contain: fat, salts/buffer agents, and sugar (sucrose). The fat is not made from pork products.

Do the authorized vaccines, such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, contain COVID-19 virus? No. There is no virus in the mRNA vaccines (**Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna**). This means you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccines.

Recommendations:

1. Taking COVID-19 vaccines as directed by your physician or healthcare provider based on your risk and local public health authority guidance
2. Maintaining all other preventive health actions including wearing masks, social distancing and wash hands

Below are links to the first two authorized Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines:

[Pfizer-BioNTech](#)

[Moderna vaccine fact sheet](#)

Sources: The National Muslim Task Force on COVID-19, the National Black Muslim COVID Coalition and Islamic Circle of North America, Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America.

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