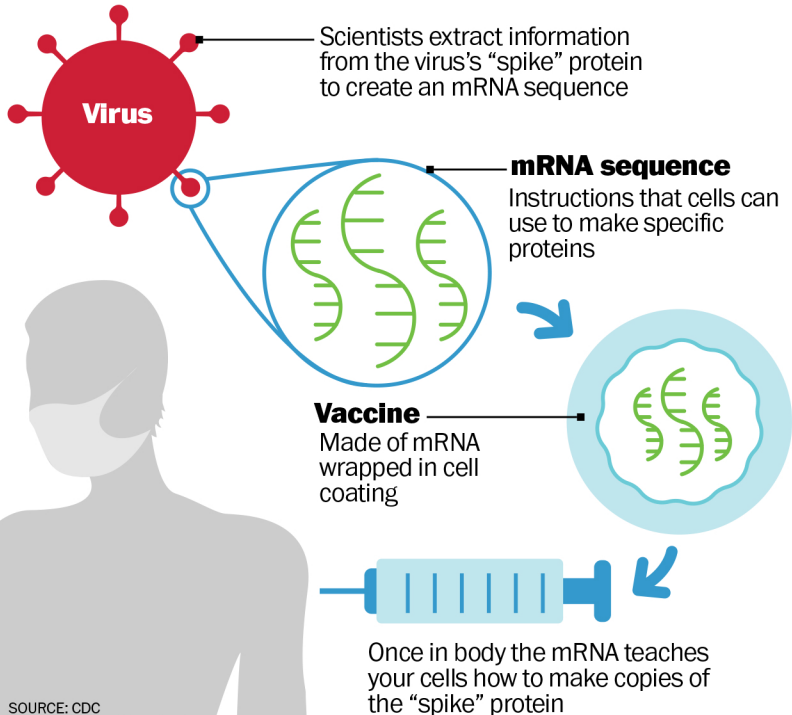


# mRNA COVID-19 VACCINES

Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make specific proteins used to protect against COVID-19. The vaccines are made of mRNA delivered through a shot.



SOURCE: CDC  
Graphic: Tribune News Service

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Concerned about possible side effects

52.36%

Don't trust COVID-19 vaccines

41.42

Don't trust the government

35.57

Don't believe I need a vaccine

29.11

Plan to wait and see if it is safe

27.3

Don't know if a vaccine will protect me

24.32

Don't think COVID-19 is a big threat

20.47

Doctor has not recommended it

9

Concerned about the cost

2.73

Hard for me to get a vaccine

2.45

Experienced side effects from first dose

0.96

Believe one dose is enough protection

0.73

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, Dec. 29, 2021 to Jan. 10, 2022

## AVOIDING THE VACCINES

Coronavirus vaccine resisters have lingering questions about getting the shot, but lingering questions about the vaccines themselves remain major hurdles. Four of the top six reasons center on distrust of the vaccines.

**Note:** Respondents could give multiple answers, so totals add up to more than 100%