“COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most powerful and effective tools we can use to fight this pandemic together,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

Getting vaccinated adds one more layer of protection for you, your family, your loved ones, and your coworkers. Here are some things you should know about COVID-19 vaccination:

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are very safe and highly effective at preventing the disease.
- Vaccines work with your body’s natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight virus if you are exposed.
- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever. These reactions are normal signs your body is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated.

We want the pandemic to be over and life back to normal. We want you all to feel safe at work, at home, and in your community. We all play a part in this effort, and you are key.

Go to coronavirus.illinois.gov for information about locations and making an appointment.

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccine, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health’s website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq.