



COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccines will give you COVID-19.

FACT:

COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.

None of the vaccines currently in development or in use contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

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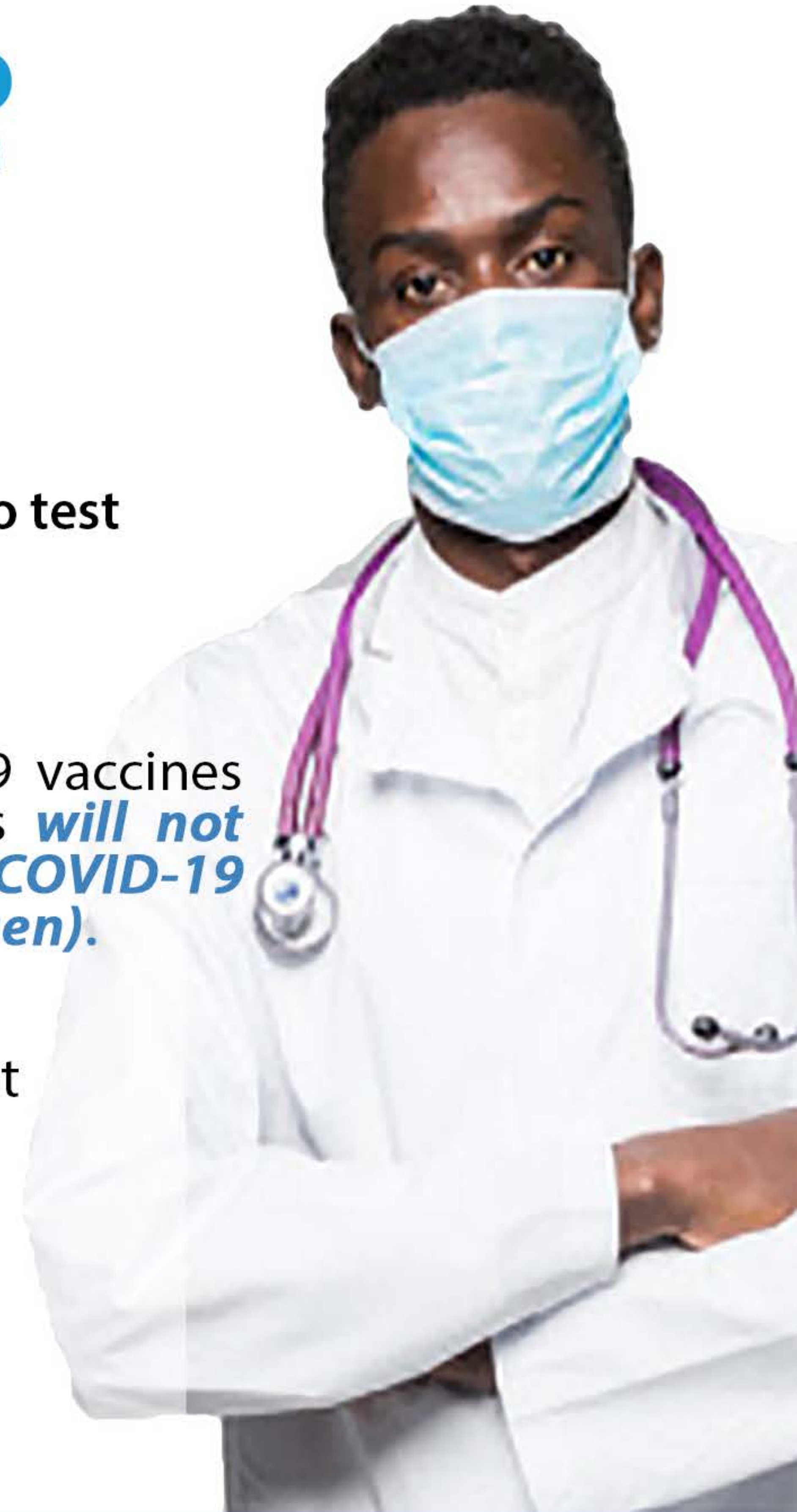
MYTH:

COVID-19 vaccines will cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests.

FACT:

The recently authorized COVID-19 vaccines and the vaccines in clinical trials **will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests (RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen).**

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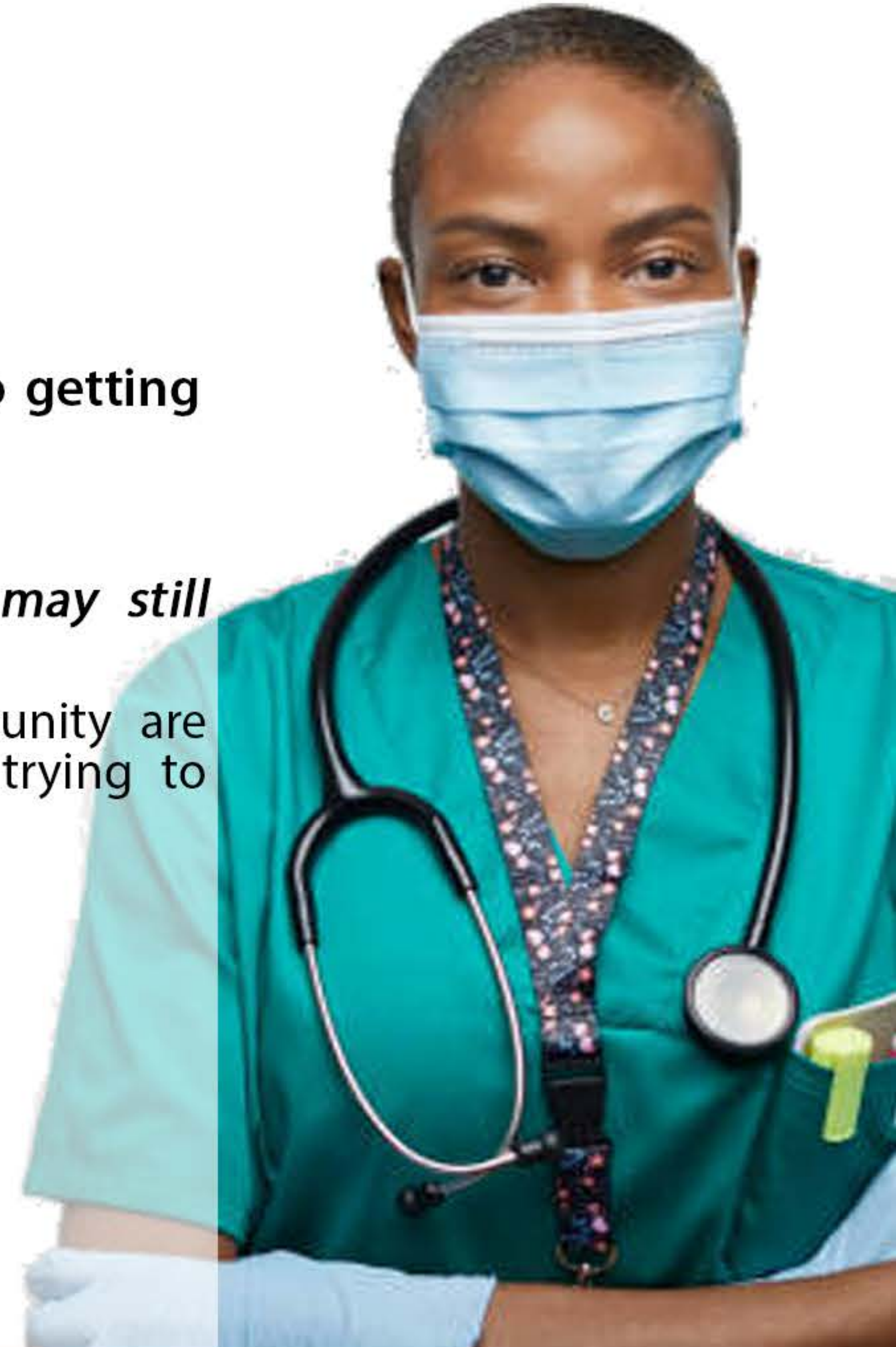
If I already had COVID-19 there is no benefit to getting vaccinated.

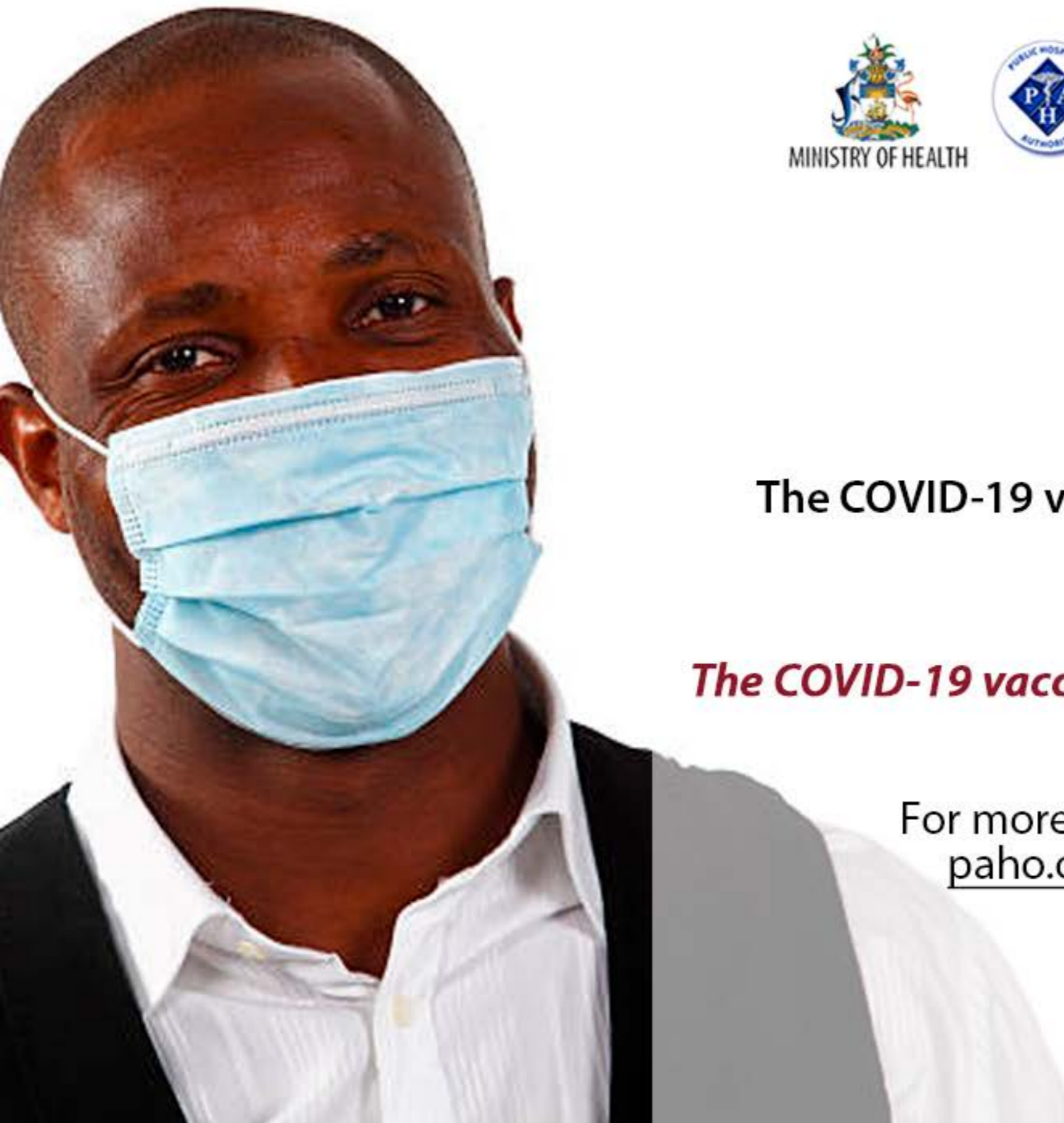
FACT:

People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated.

Both natural immunity and vaccine-induced immunity are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about.

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MYTH:

The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA.

FACT:

The COVID-19 vaccine will not alter your DNA.

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MYTH:

The COVID-19 vaccine has severe side effects such as allergic reactions.

FACT:

Some participants in the vaccine clinical trials and roll out did report side effects similar to those experienced with other vaccines, including muscle pain, chills and headache. Although extremely rare, people can have severe allergic reactions to ingredients used in a vaccine. That is why experts recommend people with a history of severe allergic reactions (such as anaphylaxis) should **consult with their physician before** getting the vaccine.

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MYTH:

Once I receive the COVID-19 vaccine, I no longer need to wear a mask.

FACT:

Masking, handwashing and physical distancing remain necessary until a sufficient number of people are immune.

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MYTH:

The COVID-19 vaccine was developed as a way to control the general population either through microchip tracking or nano transducers in our brains.

FACT:

There is no vaccine "microchip," and the vaccine will not track people or gather personal information into a database. The names of those who have been vaccinated will be entered into a database, but their physical location or presence will not be tracked.

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MYTH:

The COVID-19 vaccines were developed using fetal tissue.

FACT:

Current mRNA COVID-19 vaccines **were not** created with and **do not** require the use of fetal cell cultures in the production process. There are other vaccines that are not mRNA vaccines, but either way, they do not involve fetal tissue.

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MYTH:

You don't need both doses of the two-dose vaccines.

FACT:

All of the vaccines authorized for use to date require two doses that are given a few weeks apart. The first shot starts building protection; the second shot boosts that protection and "is needed to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer." Should a one dose vaccine be made available, that update will be made.

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MYTH:

If you got the flu shot this year, you don't need the Coronavirus vaccine.

FACT:

While the flu and COVID-19 share a similar list of symptoms, they are two different illnesses. It is not a matter of choosing between the two vaccines, but instead receiving both if available. You should be doubly protected from the flu and from coronavirus.

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MYTH:
Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is mandatory.

FACT:
Patients need to **agree** to receive the vaccine. Taking the COVID-19 vaccine is not currently mandatory, however taking the vaccine when available is recommended to maintain public health and safety.

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