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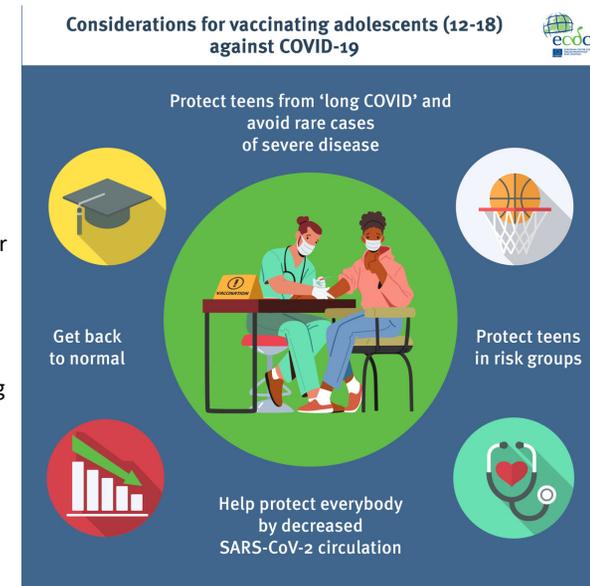
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- The vaccines will alter my DNA.

This is a MYTH. The vaccines deliver instructions to our cells to build Covid antibodies for protection, but never interact with our DNA.

- Covid-19 can still infect people who have already been infected previously.

This is a FACT. Although rare, Covid reinfection cases have been documented. Getting the vaccine after being infected significantly reduces the risk of reinfection.

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Trivia

1. Children that are at least what age are eligible to be vaccinated?
 - a) 16 years
 - b) 12 years
 - c) 18 years
2. What percentage of the US population is at least partially vaccinated?
 - a) 60%
 - b) 70%
 - c) 80%
3. What percentage of Maryland's population is at least partially vaccinated?
 - a) 50%
 - b) 65%
 - c) 80%
4. How many months after the second dose are people recommended to take a booster shot?
 - a) 1 month
 - b) 4 months
 - c) 8 months
5. How many times more infectious is the Delta variant?
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