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COVID-19 VACCINATION

Dear Friend,

If you are one of those who is already vaccinated, congratulations and thank you. If you are one of the 35% of New Yorkers who are skeptical to accept the vaccination The Medical Society of County of Kings wants to provide you with some relevant information that will help you.

Currently approved mRNA vaccines are highly effective at protecting against symptomatic COVID-19 infection, with minimal side effects and with no specific safety concerns. It is rare for anyone to have serious reaction to the vaccine (e.g., anaphylaxis). If it does happen the staff providing the vaccination are trained to deal with it and treat immediately. mRNA vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 and, therefore, cannot give someone COVID-19.

The chances are exceedingly small that a vaccinated person could infect someone else with COVID-19. You should get vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection or not. When you should get it, after the infection is still being debated. It is safe once you are not symptomatic. You may have to wait 90 days if you received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma. The actual risks of mRNA vaccines to the pregnant women and the fetus are not known at this time. However, based on how mRNA vaccines work, experts believe they are unlikely to pose a specific risk for people who are pregnant.

The benefits of Covid-19 vaccination outweigh the risks and saves lives. Please sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccination today. Wear your mask, Wash your hands, Avoid crowds, and Get Vaccinated. **Do not hesitate**.

Wishing you the best of health. Your Friends at the Medical Society of The County of Kings.