THIS IS OUR SHOT. LET'S TAKE IT.



We have one go at this, and if we want our lives to return to normal, this is it. And if everyone comes together as a community, putting our fears aside and trust medical professionals in Utah know what they're talking about - we're going to kick this horrible virus into the dark ages with its cousins polio and rubella. Feel motivated? Good. Here are some facts to quell those fears:

Vaccines have been around since 1796 and they've saved millions from polio, measles, and rubella. And ended an influenza pandemic.

mRNA vaccines may sound new to you, but they've been in development for 4 years, and they do not carry any strain of the virus in them and they do not go anywhere near your DNA.

Instead, the vaccine triggers an immune response in you to produce your own antibodies, preventing the virus from infecting you. You may still carry the virus and pass it on, but it won't harm you with life-threatening symptoms. This is why it's important for EVERYONE to get it.



The vaccine has undergone rigorous safety trials and approval processes. Nothing has been skipped or rushed.



In those trials, 43,548 volunteers participated and only 8 tested positive for COVID from the vaccine recipients, where 162 tested positive in the placebo group. Thus, giving it a 95% effective rate in preventing it.



The doses are offered in phases to first responders, medical personnel, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems. But soon after, it will become readily available to the public through clinics, mobile medical units, and local pharmacies.



When it's your turn, you will receive 2 doses for full protection. After the first shot, you will have a 21-28-day waiting period before receiving the second shot, depending on what brand you received. After 14 days the antibodies take effect. You'll still have to wear a mask, wash hands, avoid crowds, and social distance, but the more people who get the vaccine, the sooner that will go away.



There can be side effects such as a sore arm, fatigue, or a headache, but that's from the vaccine working to turn you into a COVID killing machine.

It's safe, it's FREE, it's effective beyond expectations, and if we all rally together – this is our shot to get our lives back. Get updates at SaltLakeHealth.org

