

My name is Georgette. I live in Boise, and I am a proud, first generation Mexican-American. I got my first COVID-19 vaccine in January of 2021, as soon as it was available to me, and I just got my Moderna booster last week. I got it to protect myself and others from COVID-19. I've been working on COVID-19 education for refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities since the start of the pandemic, and I know there is overwhelming information on the topic. It's hard to know what's true and what's not sometimes, so I hope that by getting my vaccine and sharing my story with others that it helps make some people more confident and more likely to get it.

Some of my family in Mexico have had a really difficult time getting the vaccine, and even now, boosters are not available. I feel so lucky to have this opportunity, and it truly gives me some peace of mind back as I try to add more fun, social things back in my life. I'm being more open now at going out to eat, getting together in groups, and other things, but I always make sure to wear a mask out in public, social distance, and try to go to less crowded places. If we all take a few small steps like these, we can make a huge impact in keeping ourselves, loved ones, and community safe, even as we see different variants.