

**Myth #12: COVID-19 vaccines contain aborted fetal cells. I do not approve of abortion. It is not right to get vaccinated since the vaccines contain aborted fetal cells.**

**The Facts: None of the vaccines authorized in the United States contain any fetal cells or tissue.**

Fetal cell lines that were made in laboratories from cells from 2 abortions done in 1973 and 1985 were used in development, testing, or production of COVID-19 vaccines. None of the fetal cells used came from a recent abortion or from an abortion done for the sole purpose of vaccine development.

- **Pfizer and Moderna** did not use any fetal cell lines to develop or produce their COVID-19 vaccines. They did use a fetal cell line in laboratory testing, before testing their vaccines on people.
- **Johnson & Johnson** used a fetal cell line to develop and test their COVID-19 vaccine. They also use it for vaccine production.
- The Catholic Church has reviewed the use of fetal cells for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccine production. It has stated that “it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”

If this issue is of concern to you, review the document [COVID-19 Vaccine and Fetal Cell Lines](#) carefully so you can make an informed decision about getting vaccinated.