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# Fauci: Even after a COVID-19 vaccine, masks and social distance still vital

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WASHINGTON — Dr. Anthony Fauci says Americans likely will need to wear masks and stay socially distanced to protect themselves from the coronavirus after a vaccine becomes available.

Fauci tells senators at a hearing that a vaccine won't change conditions overnight.

“The vaccine availability will go a giant step to controlling the infection, but you're not going to completely eradicate it or eliminate it,” Fauci says.

It's unusual for a vaccine to be 100% effective, he says. Also, some people are skeptical of vaccinations and may avoid getting a shot.

Even if there's enough vaccine available for the entire U.S. population, it will take time to distribute the shots.

By — Associated Press