



▶ Getting to
know your
Covid-19
Vaccines



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▶ Learning the Basics



Adults, babies and children in South Africa and all over the world have been getting vaccines for many years. It is estimated that because of vaccines, five lives are saved every five minutes around the world.

What is a COVID-19 vaccine?

A vaccine gives you immunity against COVID-19. This means that it will help your body recognise the virus and also teach your body how to fight it. There is no active COVID-19 virus inside the vaccine so it cannot give you the disease.

What steps are taken to ensure the COVID-19 vaccine is safe?

COVID-19 vaccines have gone through a proper testing process, including large trials that involved tens of thousands of people, including many South Africans. These trials were designed to identify any common side effects or other safety concerns.

Independent regulators also reviewed the efficacy and safety of the vaccines before they were approved for use. The process was not rushed. Millions of people around the world have already started getting the vaccine.

How is the vaccine given?

You must get vaccinated by a trained healthcare worker at an accredited medical facility. The vaccine is given through an injection in your arm. Depending on what make of vaccine you receive, you might have to return for a second dose, but your healthcare worker will inform you when to do so.

Remember, the more people that get vaccinated, the less the virus can spread in our communities.

► Knowing the Facts



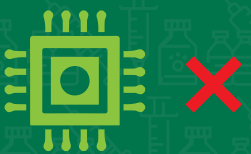
Myth: Vaccines are unsafe and rushed

Fact: No step in the development and testing of the COVID-19 vaccines has been skipped. Millions of people who have already taken the vaccine have NOT become ill or died.



Myth: The vaccine will change my DNA

Fact: Some people think that because some of the vaccines are made using RNA technology, it means the RNA will interact with their DNA. The vaccine CANNOT change your DNA.



Myth: Vaccines contain microchips to track and control people

Fact: There is NO microchip or any other substance in a vaccine that can be used to track or control people.



Myth: 5G networks cause the coronavirus through radiation emissions

Fact: Viruses CANNOT travel on radio waves and mobile networks. COVID-19 is spreading in many countries that do not have 5G mobile networks.



Myth: The Vaccines have the mark of the Beast- 666

Fact: Vaccines have no connection with any religious organisations and cannot be infused with spirits, demons or other abstract ingredients. There is no conspiracy to possess, bewitch or control anybody.