

UNDERSTANDING COVID-19 VACCINES



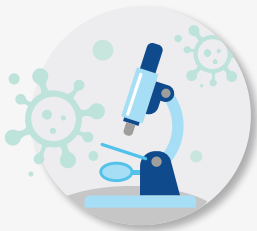
THE FACTS

- COVID-19 vaccines have undergone extensive trials to ensure safety and efficacy
- They train the body's immune system to be able to effectively fight COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccines cannot result in or give you COVID-19
- There is continuous monitoring of COVID-19 vaccines to track long-term effects



WHY YOU SHOULD BE VACCINATED

- Being vaccinated protects you and your loved ones against severe illness and death from COVID-19
- Getting vaccinated adds to the number of people who are protected against COVID-19, limiting the spread of infection and emergence of variants and contributing to population immunity
- Once you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing more



THE RISKS OF NOT GETTING VACCINATED

- If you do not vaccinate, you have limited protection from COVID-19 and emerging variants
- If you do get sick, you could potentially spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you
- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications for unvaccinated people, which could possibly lead to death



COMMON SIDE-EFFECTS

- Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

HEAR WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY



Jessica Johnson

'My mom wasn't going to get vaccinated. When I got vaccinated, I inspired her. I was excited to get vaccinated to show my family, friends and coworkers that they also need to do this.' [Watch](#) Jessica's story.



Thoko Ngwenya

'After vaccination, I feel protected. Even if COVID-19 can come, I don't think it can harm me.' [Watch](#) Thoko's story.

OTHER RESOURCES

- 🌐 [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- 🌐 [Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- 🌐 [Visit our COVID-19 Hub](#)