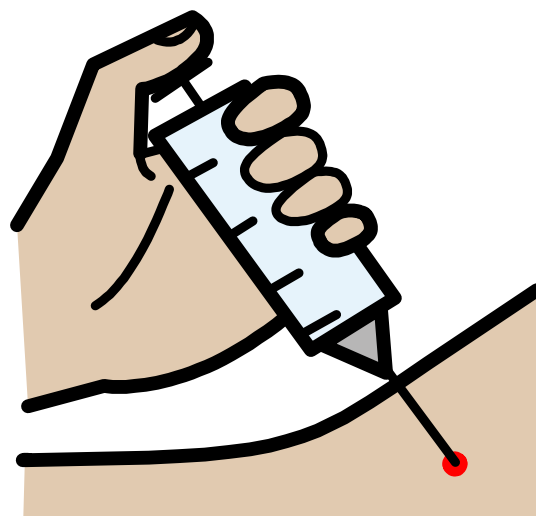
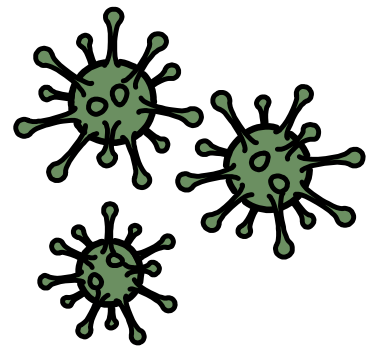


COVID-19

Vaccine

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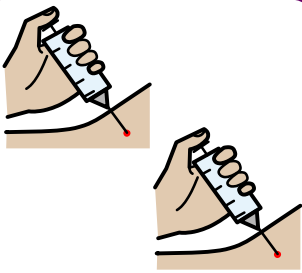


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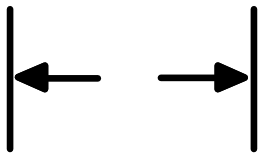
The COVID-19 Vaccine



The COVID-19 vaccine is an injection.



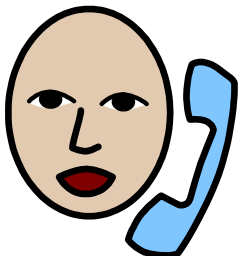
You will need 2 injections.



These will be 3 to 12 weeks apart.



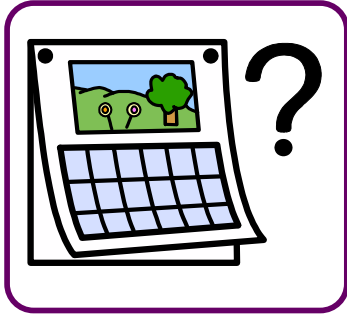
The vaccine has been tested to make sure it is safe.



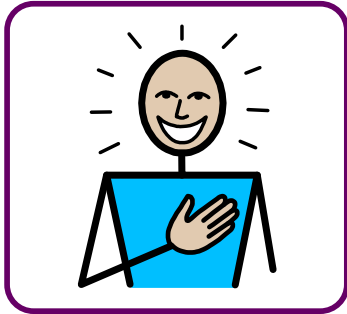
Your invitation letter will say who to call for your appointment.



You will be told where to go for your vaccine.



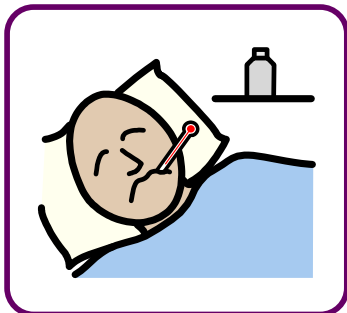
You will be told when to go for your vaccine.



It can take a few weeks for the vaccine to protect you.



The vaccine doesn't stop everyone getting COVID-19.

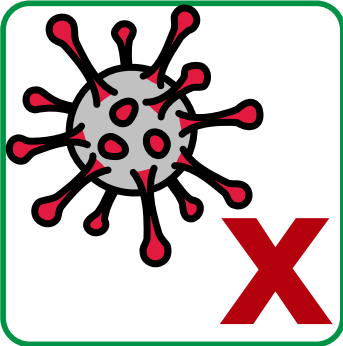


If you do still get COVID-19 it shouldn't make you as poorly if you have had the vaccine.

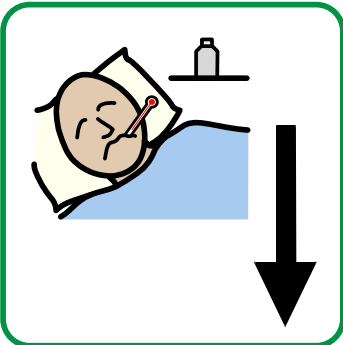


You do not have to pay to have the vaccine.

Can you spread COVID-19 if you have the vaccine?



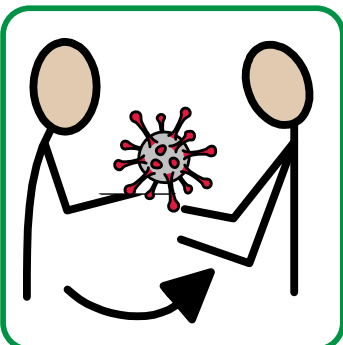
The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19.



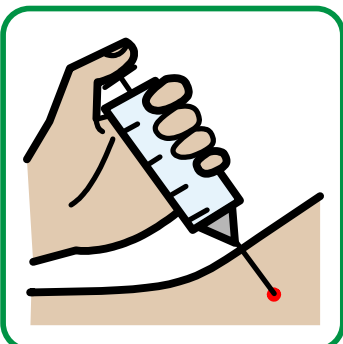
The vaccine will reduce your chance of becoming very ill.



We do not know whether it will stop you from getting COVID-19.

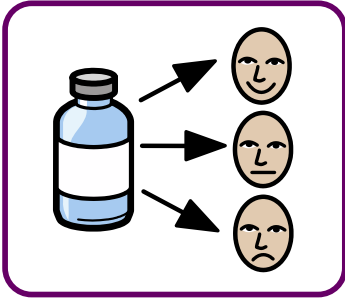


We do not know whether it will stop you passing on COVID-19.

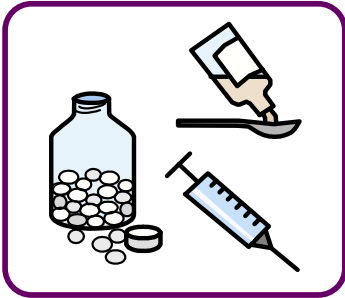


The vaccine should reduce the risk of you getting COVID-19.

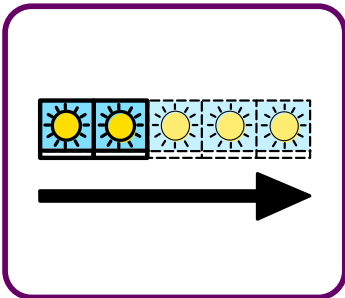
Does the COVID-19 vaccine cause side effects?



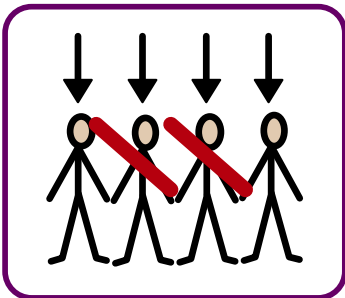
Some people get side effects.



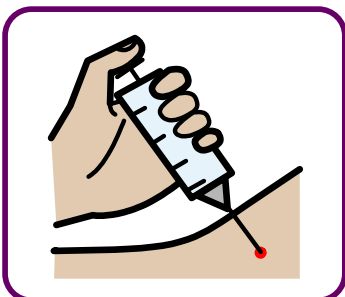
Like all medicine, vaccines can cause side effects.



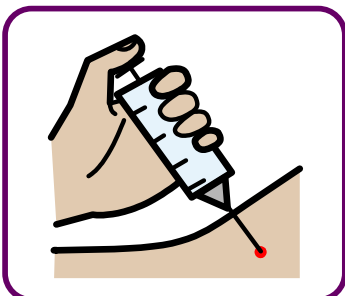
Most of these are mild and don't last long.



Not everyone will have side effects.



If you have side effects after the first injection,

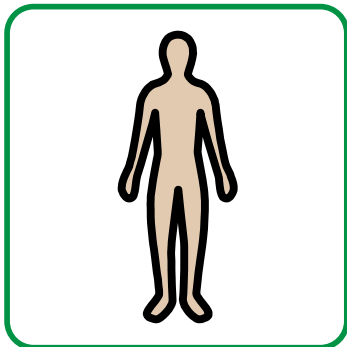


You still need to have the second injection.

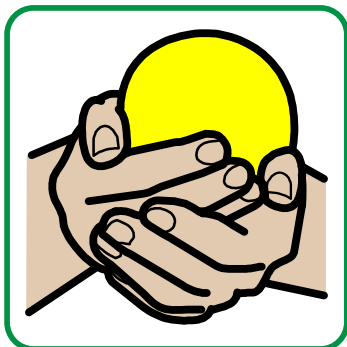
Can you catch COVID-19 from the vaccine?



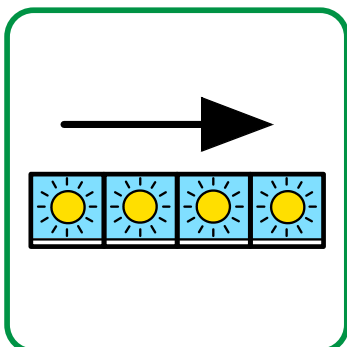
You cannot catch COVID-19 from the vaccine.



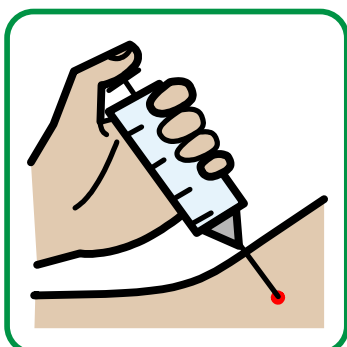
The COVID-19 vaccine helps the body's immune system.



It makes the body produce its own protection against the virus.

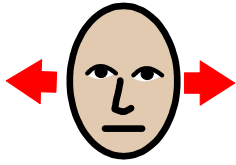


This will help to protect you against COVID-19 in the future.

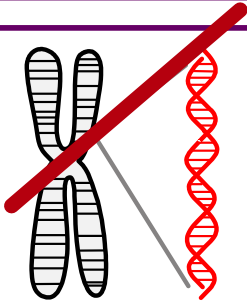


None of the ingredients in the vaccine can give you COVID-19.

Can the COVID-19 vaccine change your DNA?



No.



The vaccine does not change your DNA.

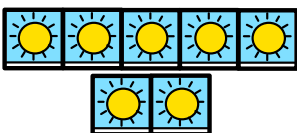


It is ok to have the vaccine.

I have had my flu vaccine, do I need the COVID-19 vaccine as well?



Yes, it is important to have the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine.



You should wait 1 week after you have had the flu vaccine before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Is Bill Gates planning to use the vaccine to control the world?



Posts on social media say that Bill Gates owns the patent and vaccine for COVID-19.



This is not true.



There is no patent for the virus that causes COVID-19.

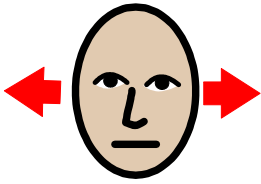


Posts on social media say Bill Gates is a partner in the lab in Wuhan, China.



This is not true.

Does the vaccine affects fertility?



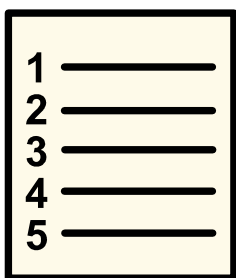
No.



There is no evidence to suggest that COVID-19 vaccines will affect you getting pregnant.

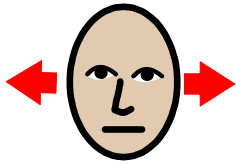


Claims of any effect of COVID-19 vaccination on fertility are not true.

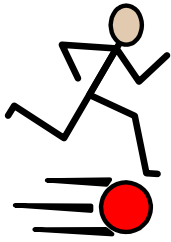


The claims are not supported by any data.

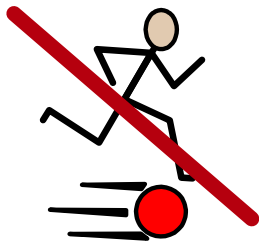
Are the vaccines unsafe because they were developed quickly?



No.



Yes, the COVID-19 vaccines were developed quickly.



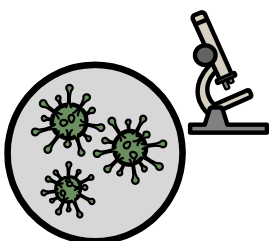
But the clinical trials were not rushed.



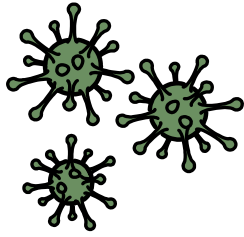
The clinical trials examine safety and effectiveness.



Safety was not compromised in any way.



COVID-19 is similar to other Coronaviruses we have seen in humans.

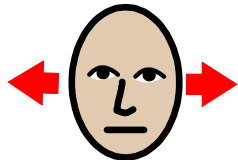


For example, MERS and SARS.

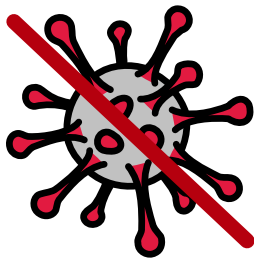


There was already research that could be used to speed up the process.

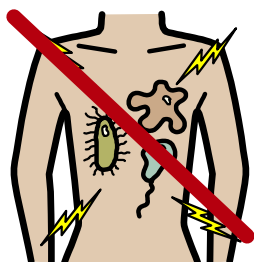
Can you get COVID-19 from the vaccines?



No.



There is no live virus in the vaccine.

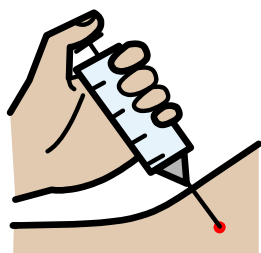


So the vaccine can't infect you.

I've already had COVID-19, do I still need the vaccine?



Yes.



The Centre for Disease Control recommends that those who have had COVID-19 still need the vaccine.



There is evidence that the vaccine gives you better protection than having the virus.



If you have tested positive for COVID-19 you must wait 28 days from having symptoms before receiving the vaccine.

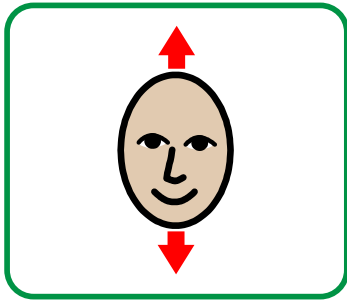


This is because the vaccine won't work as well if you have the vaccine during this time.



This is to ensure you get the best immunity.

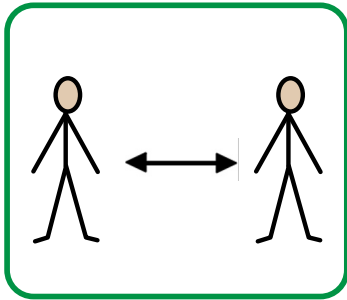
Do I still need to wear a mask and social distance after having the vaccine?



Yes.



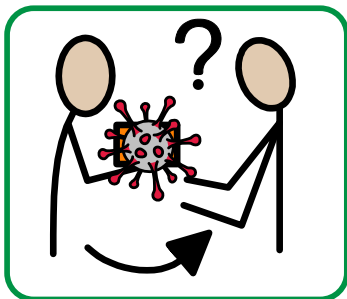
The government said if you have the vaccine,



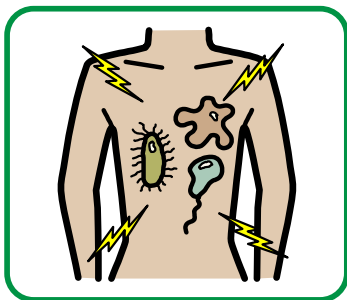
You still need to social distance,



And you still need to wear a mask.

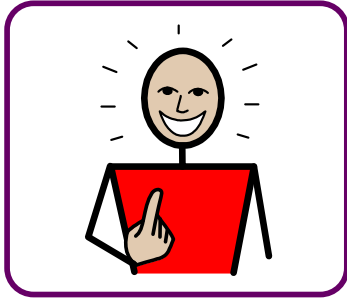


This is because we don't know if having the vaccine stops you passing on the virus.

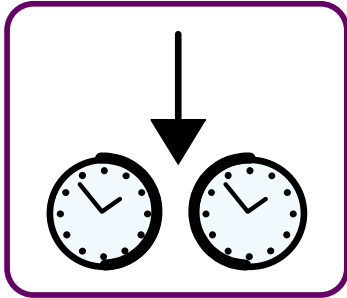


So you could still infect others.

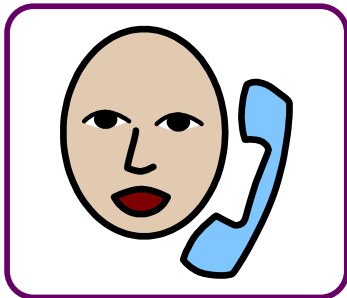
What should I do if I am not well when it is my next appointment?



Wait to have your vaccine when you feel better.



You should have it as soon as possible.



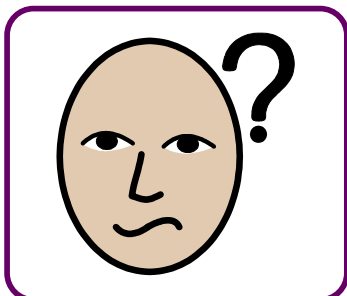
You can call the same number you used to make your first appointment.



You should not attend a vaccine appointment if you are self-isolating,



Waiting for a COVID-19 test,



Or unsure if you are fit and well.