

Information on

# COVID-19 Vaccine



## Reduce your risk, protect yourselves, your friends and family

You are strongly advised to have the vaccination, unless you experience severe allergic reactions, in which case, please speak to your GP.

The vaccine has been tested in **more than 20,000 people** in several different countries and **shown to be safe**.

The vaccine has been proved to be **highly effective**. Even if you are fit and healthy, you are still at risk of getting COVID-19.

### \*BOOK ONLINE

**Frontline health care** or **social workers** and people in receipt of **carers allowance** can visit: [wolverhampton.gov.uk/bookavaccination](http://wolverhampton.gov.uk/bookavaccination)

### \*\*HELP GETTING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

If you **do not** have friends or family to take you to your vaccine appointment, **NHS responders** can help free of charge. Their number is **0808 196 3646**.

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Please ensure your GP surgery has your **correct contact details**

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There's no need to contact your pharmacy, GP or hospital – they'll contact you when the time is right\*

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You will need to attend one of a small number of specially equipped GP surgeries or sites in the city\*\*

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When it's time for you to have your jab, the NHS will send you an appointment by **phone call, letter or text**

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You will get some benefit from the first dose but you need **two doses** for full protection

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After your first jab, you will be called back up to 12 weeks later for a second **'booster'**

## After having the COVID-19 vaccine

Even though it is still possible to catch and spread Covid-19 after having a vaccine, the vaccination will **significantly reduce the chances of you getting severe symptoms or dying from the virus**.

You will still have to follow current restrictions even after getting your vaccination.

# COVID-19 Vaccination Myths & Facts

MYTHS	FACTS
<i>The vaccine will give me COVID-19</i>	The vaccine <b>cannot</b> give you COVID-19
<i>The vaccine is not safe, it went through the approval process too quickly</i>	The vaccines have gone through <b>clinical trials</b> and <b>safety checks</b> like all other medicines and approved by <b>Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency</b>
<i>The vaccine causes severe side effects</i>	Most side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine <b>are mild</b> and should not last longer than a week
<i>I've had COVID-19 so I'm immune and don't need it</i>	We don't know that you can't have COVID-19 twice, so you should still have your vaccine for <b>maximum protection</b>
<i>The vaccine contains ingredients that go against my beliefs</i>	There is <b>no</b> foetal or animal material, including eggs, in the vaccine
<i>The vaccine causes infertility</i>	There is no evidence that the vaccine impacts on fertility
<i>The vaccine will change my DNA</i>	The vaccine <b>will not change your DNA</b> . It instructs your body to develop an immune system response
<i>The vaccine contains microchips for tracking purposes</i>	The vaccines <b>do not contain any tracking technology</b>



**How does it work?** The vaccines simply act as a messenger, teaching your body **how to create antibodies** in case you encounter the COVID-19 infection at a later date.

To access information on the vaccine in BSL, Easy Read and other languages, please visit:  
[wolverhampton.gov.uk/vaccine](http://wolverhampton.gov.uk/vaccine)

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