



The Coronavirus Vaccine



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The **coronavirus vaccine** is now ready.

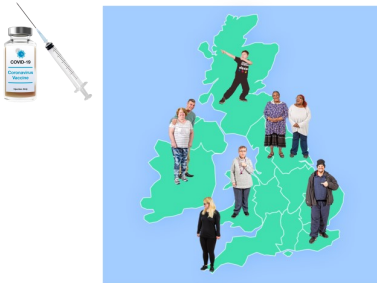
Having a **vaccine** can help you stop catching the virus and passing it onto other people.



The government has listed the different groups of people that will be offered the vaccine first.



Older age groups have priority over others. They are seen as having a higher risk of becoming very ill if they get the virus.



Eventually, everyone in the country will be offered the vaccine.



Everyone who receives a vaccine will need to complete a **consent form**.

Giving **consent** is when someone agrees to something.



You can **give consent** and have the vaccine, or **not give consent** and not have the vaccine.

We can support you with this.



We realise that this decision might not be easy, so we and others will support you as best we can.

Your health and wishes are the most important considerations.



You will receive a letter from the NHS to invite you to have your vaccine.



The vaccine will take place at your local doctor's surgery or health centre.

Or, it may take place at building specially chosen for coronavirus vaccines.



You cannot catch coronavirus from having the vaccine.



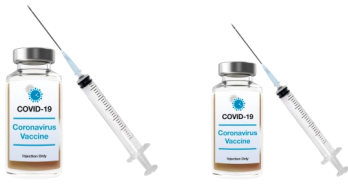
Like all medicines, vaccines can cause **side effects**.

Side effects are the symptoms we may feel after having the vaccine.



The side effects are usually very mild. They may include:

- A sore arm from the jab
- Feeling tired
- A mild headache



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One vaccine jab gives you some protection from coronavirus.

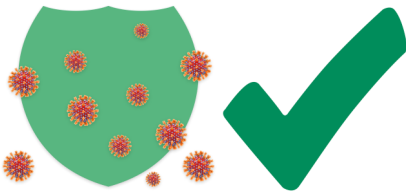
You will need to go for a 2nd jab to get even better protection. This may be up to 3 months after your 1st .



There are 2 available coronavirus vaccines available at the moment.



Both vaccines work very well for most people.



This means there is a very high chance that you'll be protected by the vaccine.



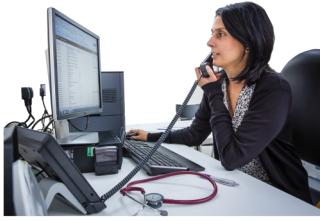
After having the vaccine you will still need to protect others from the virus.

This is because we do not know if the vaccine stops you spreading the virus, even if it stops you from getting ill.



It might be a few weeks before you are offered a vaccine.

We'll be doing our best to make sure you have it when promised.



If you think you should have been offered one but have not, you can contact your GP.



For further information and advice please speak to your support team.