

COVID-19 Vaccine Myth Busters

A lot of information has been shared about the COVID-19 Vaccine – but not all of what you have seen or heard is correct.

If you have any more questions speak to your Nurse/GP,
Community Pharmacist
Or



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What is a Myth? "A myth is a widely held but false belief or idea"

Myth 1: The COVID-19 vaccine was rushed and isn't safe

'Rushed' implies that researchers weren't following their usual rigorous standards and that corners were cut, but that isn't the case. The COVID-19 Vaccine has had to meet **all** the expected robust clinical milestones with no shortcuts. No safety steps were left out in the vaccine development. The vaccine was available quickly thanks to a Global effort and because funds were made available by Governments around the world.

Myth 2: The COVID-19 vaccine can affect fertility

There is no evidence that fertility problems are a side effect of any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines. It has been confirmed in a statement by the World Health Organisation that current evidence shows no increase in the risk of infertility, miscarriage, still birth or congenital abnormalities.

Myth 3: The COVID-19 Vaccine will change my DNA

The vaccine cannot and will not alter or damage your DNA

Myth 4: The COVID-19 Vaccine contains cells from pigs/other animals, foetal cells from unborn babies/microchips or trackers

This is incorrect – the COVID-19 Vaccine **DOES NOT** contain-cells from pigs/other animals, foetal cells from unborn babies/microchips or trackers.

Myth 5: I don't need to have the Vaccine if I've already had COVID-19

Receiving the vaccine is still recommended, irrespective of whether or not you had COVID-19. We do not know the level of natural immunity in every individual.

Myth 6: I can catch COVID-19 from the Vaccine

The vaccine does not contain the live virus so you cannot catch COVID-19 from the Vaccine. Vaccines do not give you the disease, instead they provide your body with the ability to recognise and fight the infection to give you protection.

The truth is that vaccines have saved millions of lives around the world and are an essential weapon against disease.

Don't delay, get your COVID-19 vaccine today!