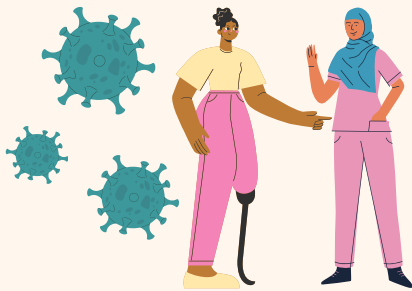


What you need to know about... THE COVID-19 VACCINES!

How the vaccines work:

- The vaccines teach and prepare your immune system, your body's defense against infections and germs, to spot the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Because your body can now spot the coronavirus thanks to the vaccine, if you ever get COVID-19 your body can take action and stop you from getting seriously sick.



Why get the vaccine?

- The vaccine will protect you from getting seriously sick or dying from COVID-19.
- If a lot of people get vaccinated, less people will get sick and more people will be protected allowing us to go back to a normal life.
- COVID-19 does not have a cure.

Other questions you might have about the vaccines:

- Are the vaccines safe and effective?

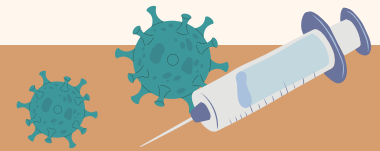
Vaccines have continuously been used to end pandemics like polio and protect people from diseases. The COVID-19 vaccines are already saving lives and protecting people from serious sickness and death. There is only a small number of people, out of billions, that have had serious side effects from the vaccines.

- Will the vaccines make me sick or give me COVID-19?

The vaccines do not have the virus in them, because of this they will not give you COVID-19. Many people, after getting vaccinated, have mild side effects like fevers and headaches. This is normal and usually starts about 6 hours after getting vaccinated, lasting for 1 to 2 days.

- Must I still get the vaccine even though I have had COVID-19?

Yes, natural immunity from getting COVID-19 will only protect you for a short while and is not as strong as the vaccines in protecting you from coronavirus and serious sickness. You can get vaccinated 30 days after you developed COVID-19.



You can get vaccinated by:

- Registering to get vaccinated on the website <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za>
- You will need your ID or passport number and general contact information when you register.
- If you are struggling to register, you can go to your nearest vaccination site, like a Clicks or local clinic, for help. Take your ID or passport with you.
- When you go for your vaccination no payment is needed, just remember to take your ID or passport.

How soon after getting vaccinated am I protected from COVID-19?

- 4 weeks after getting the one-dose vaccination (the Janssen or JnJ vaccines).
- 2 weeks after getting the double-dose vaccination (the Pfizer vaccine).
- Remember vaccines are not 100% effective so make sure to continue COVID-19 safety like **social distancing, wearing a mask and washing and sanitizing your hands.**

