Consent for the COVID-19 vaccine

This info sheet is about **consent** for the COVID-19 **vaccine**.

Consent means when you agree to something.

A **vaccine** is a medicine that can help stop you and others from getting sick.

You can ask someone for help to read this info sheet.

This might be a

- Family member

- Friend

- Support worker.

About the COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine can help stop you and others getting sick from COVID-19.

You take the COVID-19 vaccine as an injection.

Injection is when the vaccine is put into your body with a needle.

You will need to get the COVID-19 vaccine more than 1 time.

You can have a support person when you get the COVID-19 vaccine.

This might be a

- Family member

- Friend

- Support worker.

Consent and the COVID-19 vaccine

A doctor or nurse can give you the COVID-19 vaccine.

When you get the COVID-19 vaccine they must always ask for your consent.

This means they will ask if you agree to get the vaccine.

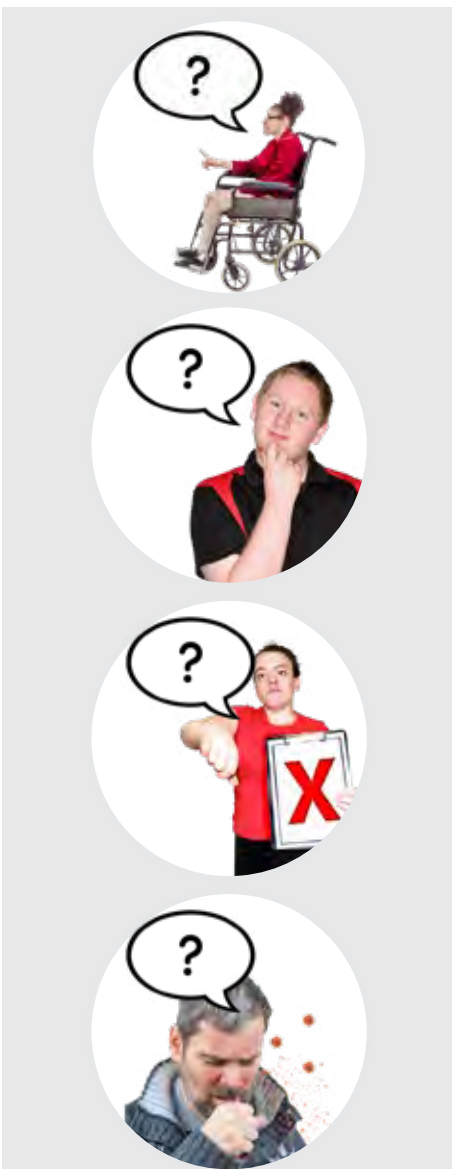The person who gives you the COVID-19 vaccine must tell you

• Why it is good to get the vaccine

• How it is safe

• What happens when you get it.

They might give you an info sheet to read about the COVID-19 vaccine.

They want to make sure you feel safe if you agree to the vaccine.

You can ask them questions about the COVID-19 vaccine like

- Will it change any health problems I have now ?

- Are there any bad things that could happen to my body if I get it ?

- What will happen if I say no ?

- Can I still get sick after I get the COVID-19 vaccine ?

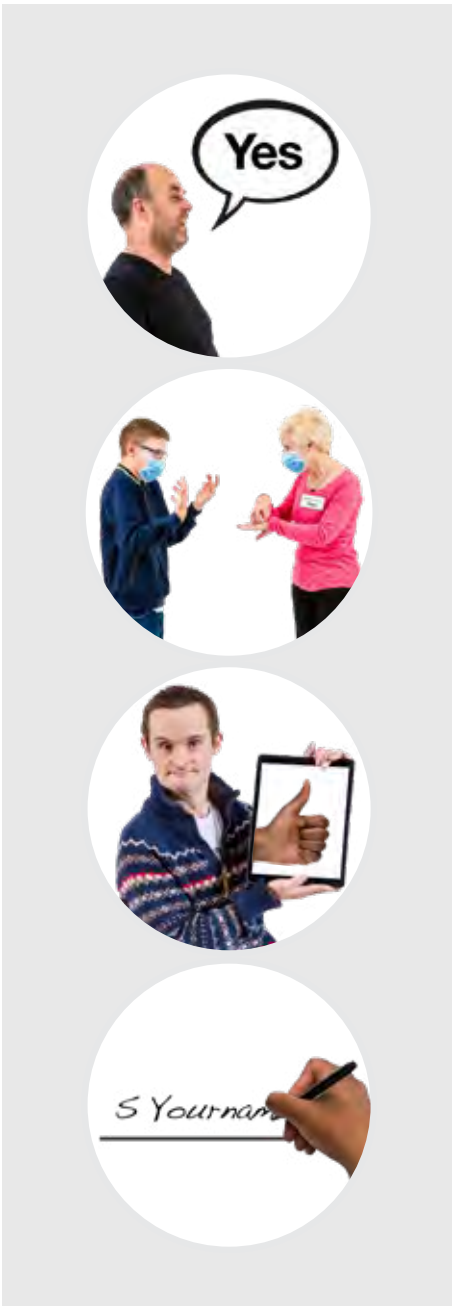You can choose if you agree to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

You can talk to your doctor about the COVID-19 vaccine before you choose.

How to give consent

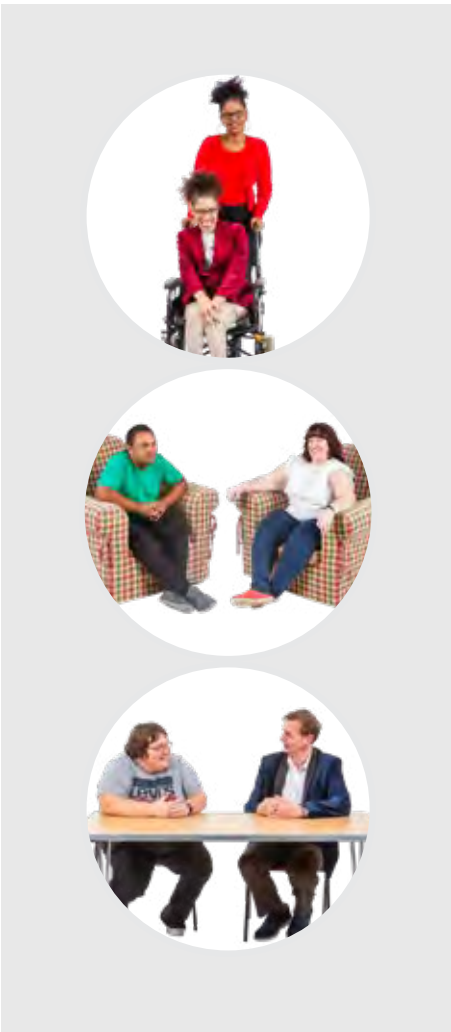There are different ways you can give consent to the COVID-19 vaccine.

You can

• Say yes

• Use sign language

• Use pictures

• Sign a consent paper.

A **guardian** can give your consent if you can not give consent on your own.

A **guardian** is someone who can make choices for you.

A guardian might be

- A family member

- A friend

- Someone the government chose for you.

More info

For more info about the COVID-19 vaccine you can

- Call the **Disability Gateway**

  The number is 1800 643 787.

- Call the **National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline**

  The number is 1800 020 080.

  Press option 5.

- Go to the Department of Health and Aged Care website

  The website is **www.health.gov.au**

You can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** to get info from someone in your language.

The number is **131 450**.

You can call the National Relay Service if you

- Are deaf

- Have problems with hearing.

The number is 1800 555 660.

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You can contact CID at **business@cid.org.au**.