Things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine

This is a fact sheet to answer questions about the **COVID-19 vaccine**.

The **COVID-19 vaccine** is a medicine that can help stop you from getting very sick from COVID-19.

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

This could be a

- Family member

- Friend

- Support worker.

Do you have to pay money to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free.

What type of COVID-19 vaccine will you get

There are different types of COVID-19 vaccines.

You will get the COVID-19 vaccine that is best for you.

The doctor or pharmacist will say what COVID-19 vaccine is best for

- Your age
- Any health issue you might have.

They will also tell you which vaccine they have that is ready to use.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

There is a group of people in Australia that knows a lot about health and vaccines.

They are called the **Therapeutic Goods Administration**.

We say **TGA** for short.

In Australia the TGA checks all vaccines before they can be used to make sure they
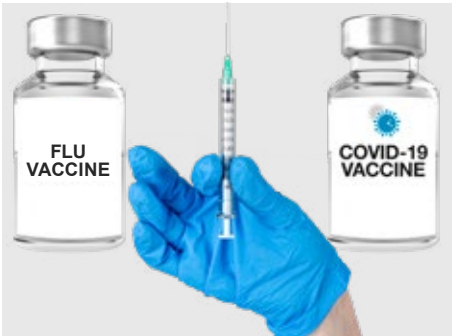
- Are safe

- Work well.

To find out more about what is in the COVID-19 vaccines go the TGA website

www.bit.ly/tga-covid-19-vaccines

Should you also get the flu vaccine?

You can get your flu vaccine and your COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

You can also have them at different times.

Who will know you had the COVID-19 vaccine?

In Australia the law says the government must keep information about who gets a vaccine.

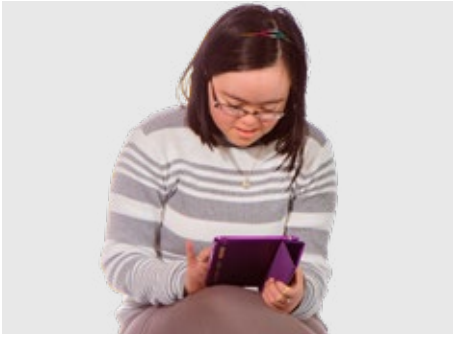That is why the person who gives you the vaccine will ask some questions about you.

This might be questions like

- Your name

- Your address

- Your health issues.

Register

The government keeps all this information in the **Australian Immunisation Register**.

You can see what information the government has about you on your **vaccination record**.

Your **vaccination record** shows all the vaccines you ever got.

You can see your vaccination record in these places

• Your Medicare account

• Your MyGov account

• Your MyHealthRecord account.

More information

For more information about COVID-19

- Call the **Disability Gateway**

  The number is **1800 643 787**

  The website is
   www.disabilitygateway.gov.au

- Call the **National Coronavirus Helpline**

  The number is **1800 020 080**.

  Choose number 5 for information in English.

  Choose number 8 for free information in other languages.

- 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** for information in your language.

The number is **131 450**.

You can call the **National Relay Service** if you

• Are deaf

• Find it hard to hear people over the phone.

1800 555 660

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