



What is the COVID-19 vaccine?



This is information about the COVID-19 **vaccine**.



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



You can ask someone for help to read this information.



This could be a

- Family member
- Friend
- Support worker.

About the COVID-19 vaccine

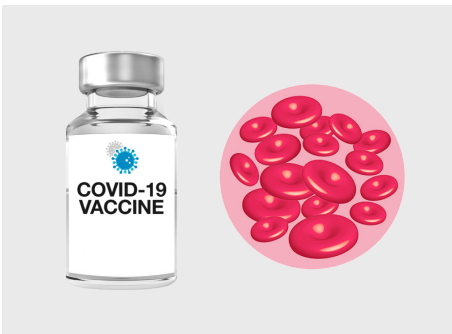


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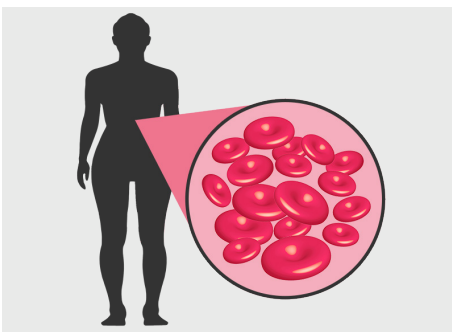
- Not get COVID-19
- Not get very sick from COVID-19.



The COVID-19 vaccine helps your body to deal with COVID-19.



The COVID-19 vaccine makes **antibodies**.



Antibodies are part of your blood.

They help your body deal with getting sick from things like colds or the flu.



There is a group of people that make sure all vaccines in Australia are safe to use.



This group is called the **Therapeutic Goods Administration**.

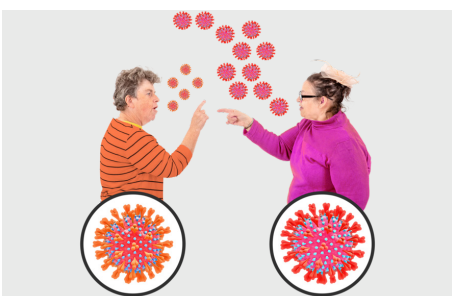
TGA for short.



The TGA tested the COVID-19 vaccine to make sure it is safe.



You can **not** get COVID-19 from the vaccine.



You might still get COVID-19 from another person after you got the COVID-19 vaccine.

After the COVID-19 vaccine



Some people can have **side effects** after they got the COVID-19 vaccine.



A **side effect** is something that can happen to people after they take a medicine.



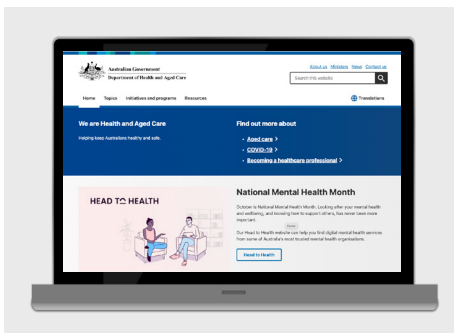
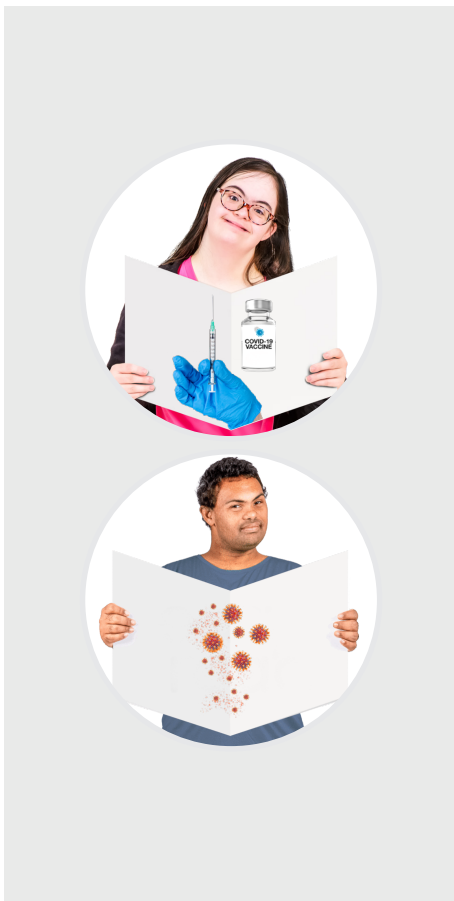
Most side effects will not be very bad.



You might have things like a headache or tummy ache.

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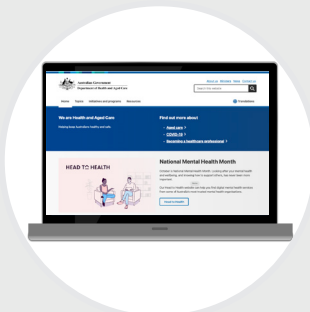
- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Other information to help keep you safe from COVID-19.



You can find them on our website at

www.health.gov.au

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.



The number is **1800 555 660**.

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