



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

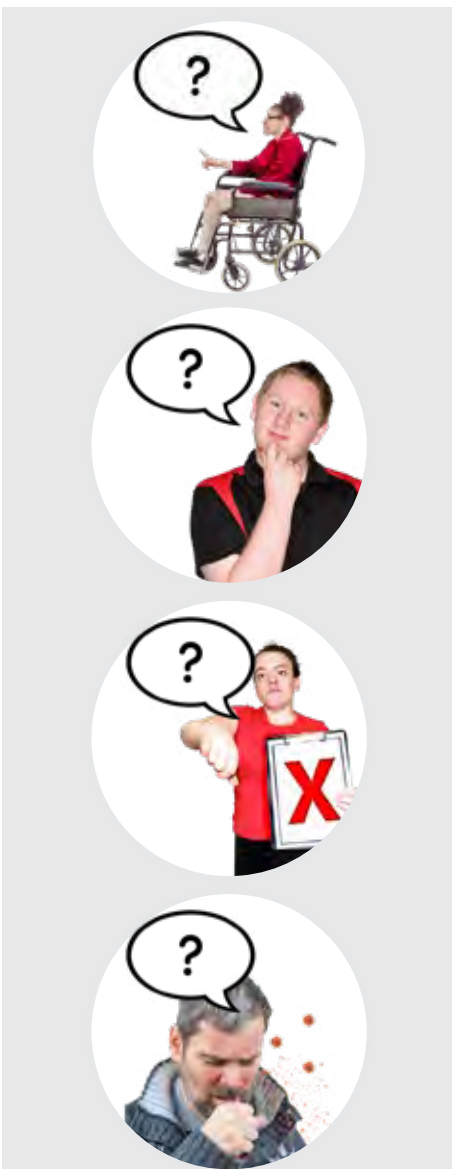
- Why it is good to get the vaccine
- How it is safe
- What happens when you get it.



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.

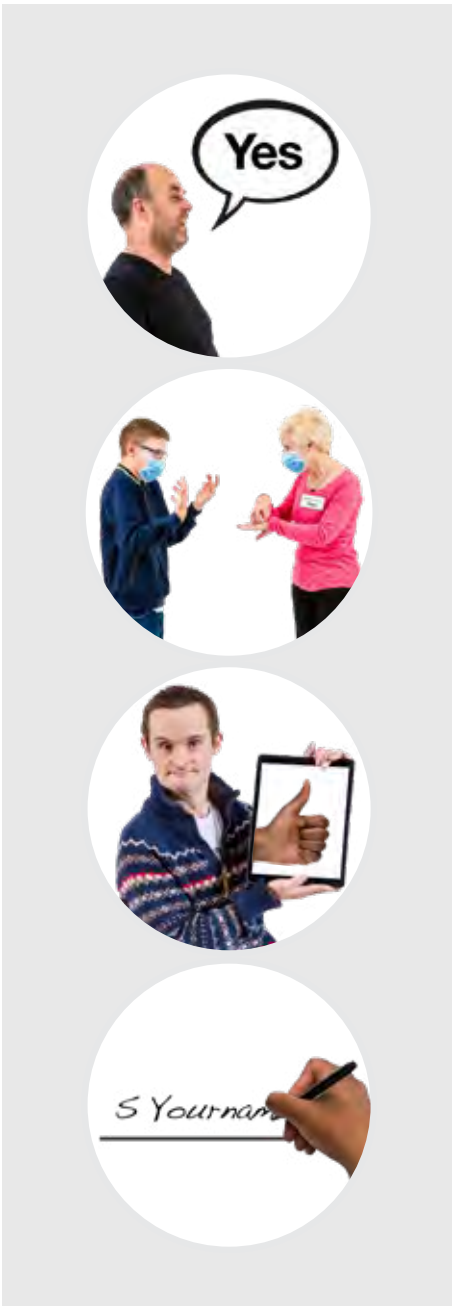


You can talk to your doctor about the COVID-19 vaccine before you choose.

How to give consent



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



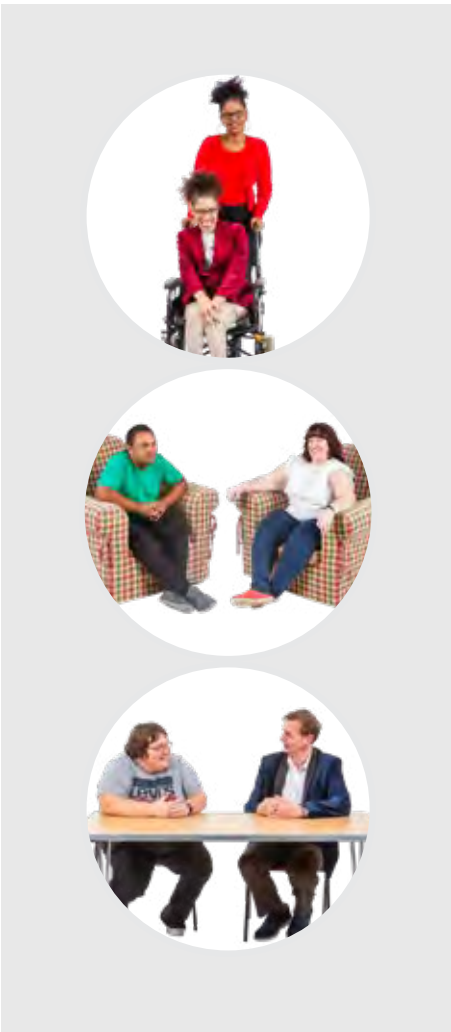
You can

- 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.

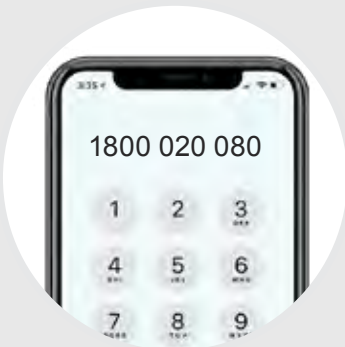
More info

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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