

# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

*Help stop the spread of COVID-19*



## Who will receive the vaccines first?

Adults aged 80+, frontline health and social care workers, care home residents and staff, and those with clinical conditions which would make them extremely vulnerable if they contracted the virus.



## Will the vaccine protect me?

The vaccination will reduce the chance of you developing Covid-19 from 2-3 weeks after you have had the first dose. The first dose will give you a high level of protection but it's essential to have the second dose within the next 12 weeks to receive the full benefit of the vaccine. Some people may still get Covid-19, but it should be much less severe.



## Is the vaccine safe?

The NHS will not offer any Covid-19 vaccinations to the public until independent experts have signed off that it is safe to do so. The vaccines have been tested on tens of thousands of volunteers from all over the world. Funding and scientific resources allowed **all of the usual steps for testing vaccines** to be done more quickly than usual.



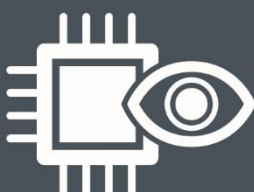
## What are the common side effects?

Tenderness in the arm where you had your injection, usually worst around 1 to 2 days after the vaccine; feeling tired; headache; general aches, or mild flu like symptoms. These symptoms normally last only a few days. No significant side effects have been observed in the tens of thousands of people involved in the trials. If any symptoms seem to get worse or if you are concerned, call NHS 111.



## Will the vaccine alter my DNA?

There is no evidence to suggest that individual genetic material will undergo an alteration after receiving the vaccine. The vaccine works by making a protein from the virus that is important for creating protection. The protein works in the same way it does for other vaccines by stimulating the immune system to make antibodies and cells to fight the infection.



## Will the vaccine include a trackable microchip?

This technology does not exist. The vaccine does not include any means of tracking people or having any remote influence over them in the future.