



COVID-19 Vaccines

Mythbusters

The COVID-19 vaccine does NOT give people COVID.

Some people may experience side effects after vaccination such as tiredness, muscle soreness and redness around the injection site and mild fever. This is normal for any vaccine. Serious reactions from the vaccine are extremely rare.

The vaccine is safe for children over 5.

In Australia, all vaccines are thoroughly tested before they are made available to the community and the many benefits of vaccination outweighs the risks for all children and adolescents aged 5 years and older. Billions of people have already been safely vaccinated around the world.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain a tracking microchip.

Microchips are too large to be administered through needle injection.

People of all ages can get COVID-19.

The elderly and people with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes are most at risk, but young people can also get very sick and die from COVID-19. Everyone getting vaccinated will help to protect those most at risk from COVID-19.

Women who are breastfeeding, or pregnant should get vaccinated.

It is especially important that these women get vaccinated. Pregnant women have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and their babies have a higher risk of being born prematurely. There is also no evidence that people who are trying to get pregnant have any safety concerns.

You need to take the full course of vaccines available to you.

Everybody aged over 16 needs AT LEAST three doses of a COVID vaccine.

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines have been developed quickly for several reasons.

- A level of funding and commitment not seen before,
- The availability of new technologies, and
- Researchers and developers around the world working together.

Even though you can still get COVID-19 after you've been vaccinated, you may not get as sick.

Getting vaccinated will help prevent you from getting very sick and needing to go to hospital. If you're over 16 it's best to have at least three doses of vaccine.

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