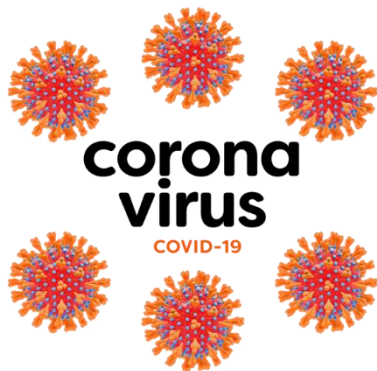


Coronavirus vaccine information



Covid-19 is a new illness. It is sometimes called coronavirus.



Coronavirus spreads very easily.



Most people will get better from Coronavirus at home, but some people can get very poorly and have to go to hospital.

Sadly, some people can die from coronavirus.

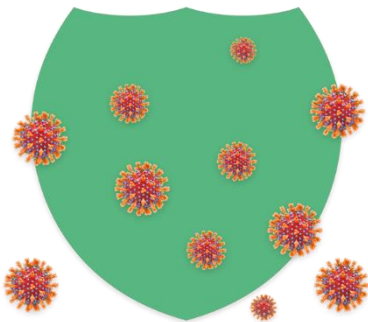
People who already have other health conditions may be more at risk becoming very unwell if they catch coronavirus.



Everyone will be offered the opportunity to have a vaccine that protects them against coronavirus.



The Coronavirus vaccine is an injection.



After having a vaccine your body gets better at fighting that illness, without you having to get poorly.



You will be asked if you want to have the vaccine.



You should be supported to make this decision. Your GP, Care provider, Nurse or other health professionals can help. You can talk to them about your concerns or ask them questions.



There is also lots of information to look at to help you decide – click on the blue links

They can help you decide the good things and any bad things you need to think about, so that you can decide whether or not to have the vaccine.



To make a decision we need to:

- Understand information
- Remember it for long enough
- Think about the information
- Communicate our decision



If you are cannot make this decision yourself, this is called lacking capacity.

The Mental Capacity Act is a law about making decisions and what to do when people cannot make some decisions for themselves.



Those making the decision would have to think very carefully about the decision they make for you, to make sure those decisions are good for you.



The person deciding whether or not you have a vaccine will likely be the relevant healthcare professional.

If you have someone known as a Lasting Power of Attorney or Court Appointed Deputy for health and welfare, they would make this decision.



[Click this blue link to find out more about what a Lasting Power of Attorney or Court Appointed Deputy is.](#)



The person deciding whether or not you have the vaccine will talk to those involved in your care, including your family and care workers

They will need to consider your wishes, feelings, beliefs and past experiences.



If people in your family are worried about you having the vaccine they can talk to the person making this decision for you.



Sometimes we see information online that is false and this can be confusing.



Your GP, nurse or other health professional will be able to make sure you and your family have the right information.



Click on the blue links below for more information on the vaccine which can help you decide whether to take it:



- [An easy read guide by Public Health England](#)
- [An easy read story with sound that talks through what happens when you get your vaccine](#)
- [An easy read guide from Mencap](#)
- [Answers to some key questions](#)

