COVID-19 Vaccine Resource for Community Learning and Engagement
Religious Leaders Speak Up on Why You Should Vaccinate and Vaccine Overview

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Religious leaders throughout the world support the COVID-19 vaccine and other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Be a voice in your community about why you support the vaccine.

"As Christians, we all must do our part to protect ourselves and our community against COVID-19. Let's follow instructions from local officials and accept the vaccine when it is available."

Reverend Carol Kaberia
from a Methodist Church, Kathera Circuit, Meru County, Kenya

"COVID-19 is real and deadly. But vaccination will help keep our family and the community protected."

Reverend Diwa C. Guinigundo, DD
Senior Pastor, Fullness of Christ International Ministries
Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

"In Surat AL Baqara (the Cow), Verse 195, the Almighty Allah says:

'And spend [freely] in God's cause, and let not your own hands throw you into destruction; and persevere in doing good: behold, God loves the doers of good.'

Do good. Get the COVID-19 vaccine when you can to protect yourself and others."

Sheikh Sailou Mbacke
Cadre des Religieux pour la Santé et le Développement (CRSD)
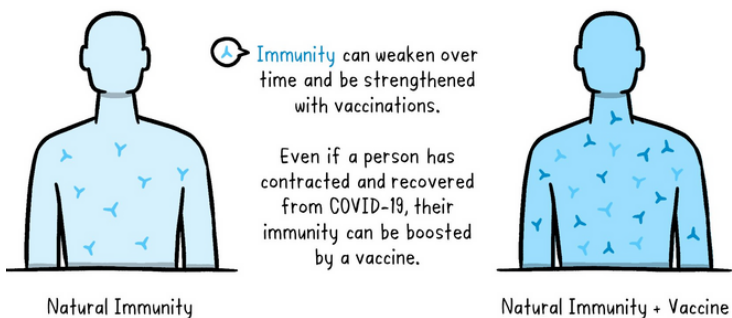Sénégal

Safety and Effectiveness

Vaccines are safe and effective. The COVID-19 vaccines have undergone intensive testing and safety monitoring. The COVID-19 vaccines went through all check points of vaccine development to ensure the safety of the vaccines. Global collaboration, funding, and unprecedented amounts of research led to the fast and thorough development of safe vaccines.
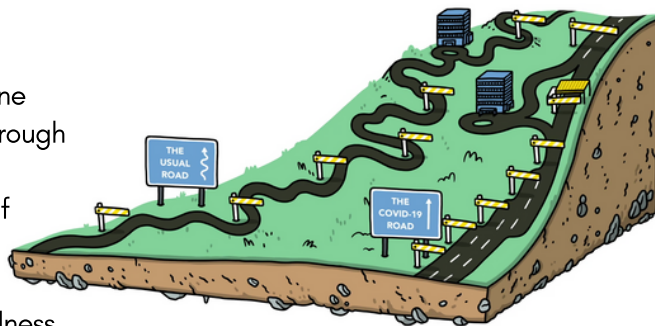
All of the COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19. Over 300 million doses of vaccine have been safely administered to over 150 million people across the world.

Do people who've already had the virus still need to be vaccinated?

Immunity can weaken over time and be strengthened with vaccinations.

Even if a person has contracted and recovered from COVID-19, their immunity can be boosted by a vaccine.

Natural Immunity

Natural Immunity + Vaccine

Building Immunity

Vaccines contain harmless fragments of a virus that trigger an immune response within the body. During the immune response, our bodies produce antibodies and other immune cells that can help us defeat the real virus if we come into contact with it in the future.

People who have previously had COVID-19 can strengthen their immunity with the vaccine. If you have questions, talk to a medical professional to decide whether or not, and when, to receive a vaccine.
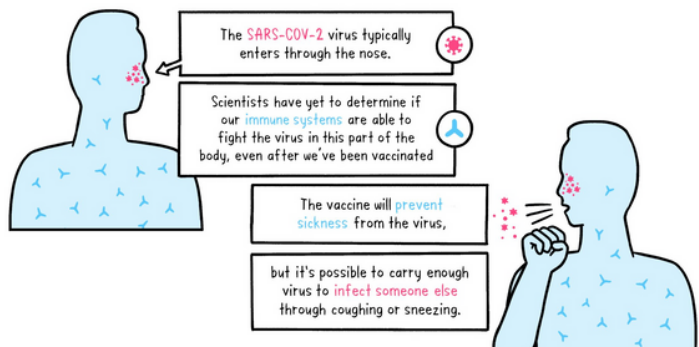
Vaccine Side Effects

After receiving the vaccine, it is common to experience some mild to moderate side effects like pain at the injection site, muscle aches, chills, or low-grade fever. These side effects are normal and are a sign that the vaccine and your immune system are working. The side effects to the vaccine usually go away on their own after a few days. It is also normal to build immunity without experiencing side effects.

People who experience unexpected health effects should report them to their local health providers.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that the COVID-19 vaccines cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

Wearing a mask still saves lives, even after you've been vaccinated

The SARS-COV-2 virus typically enters through the nose.

Scientists have yet to determine if our immune systems are able to fight the virus in this part of the body, even after we've been vaccinated

The vaccine will prevent sickness from the virus,

but it's possible to carry enough virus to infect someone else through coughing or sneezing.

After Vaccination

You will experience protection from severe illness from COVID-19 a few weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine. It is important to keep wearing a mask, physical distancing, and washing your hands frequently. This will protect others who have not been vaccinated.

Scientists are still learning how the virus may be transmitted after vaccination. Until we know more, we should maintain these precautionary measures.