

The COVID-19 Vaccine

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Curated from the most frequently-asked-questions among NUHS staff. Here's sharing with you what we ourselves have wanted to know about the vaccine.

Safety of the COVID-19 Vaccine

The current vaccine in Singapore is approved for use in Singapore for **people aged 16 and above**.

The vaccine has undergone **3 phases** of clinical trials



And numerous **safety checks** by

- ◆ Vaccine makers
- ◆ The United States Food and Drug Administration
- ◆ Singapore's Health Sciences Authority
- ◆ Singapore's Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination

Vaccination & Community Safety

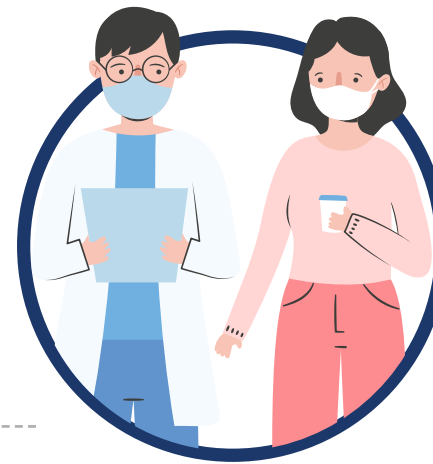
Vaccination **lowers the risk** of getting sick from the virus.

This will help contribute to the **gradual and safe re-opening** of the economy.

The **more** people are vaccinated → The **harder** it is for the virus to spread → The **safer** it is for you and your loved ones

Vaccine Effectiveness

The vaccine is **95% effective** at preventing mild and severe symptoms of COVID-19.



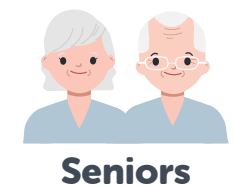
Vaccination is voluntary, but **all who are medically eligible are encouraged to be vaccinated.**

Protection for All

Vaccination is free for all Singaporeans and long-term residents in Singapore. If all goes according to schedule, there will be enough vaccines for everyone by Q3 2021. For now, **Priority is given to those at high risk.**



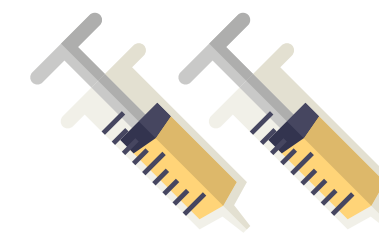
Healthcare and frontline workers



Seniors

What to Expect

The current vaccine approved in Singapore is given via **an injection in the upper arm.**



across **two shots**



21 days apart

As is usual with vaccination, **mild symptoms** may be experienced and can last a day or two. This is the body's **normal immune system response** to recognise and fight the COVID-19 virus.



Pain at injection site



Muscle ache



Fatigue



Headache

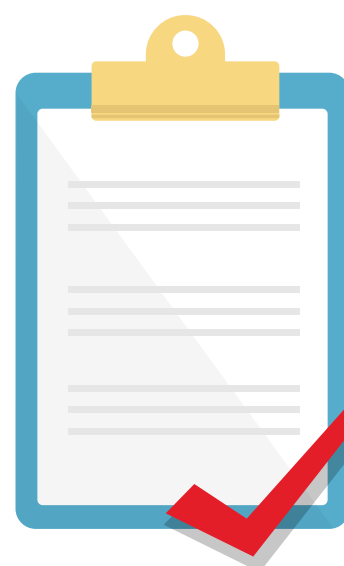


Fever

Side effects are often seen after the second dose, usually in those younger than 55.

The vaccine is **safe for the wider population.**

But as an **added safety precaution**, more data is being collected for the vaccination to be approved and used for some extra vulnerable groups.



Who should not be vaccinated yet?

- ◆ Children below 16 years
- ◆ Women who are pregnant, or who become pregnant before their second vaccination dose
- ◆ Those with severe allergic response to any food, medication or other vaccines
- ◆ Those who experience a severe allergic reaction after the first vaccine dose
- ◆ Immunocompromised persons
- ◆ Breastfeeding mothers (breastfeeding should be suspended for 5-7 days after vaccination)
- ◆ Transplant patients
- ◆ Active cancer patients

