

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

There are currently two vaccines approved for used in Singapore. The **Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine** is for people **aged 16 and above**, and the **Moderna vaccine** is for those **aged 18 and above**.

The vaccines have 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

Both vaccines are about

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. We will continue to monitor our supplies closely to meet our target of vaccinating all Singaporeans and long-term residents in Singapore by the end of 2021. For now, **priority is given to those at high risk.**



Healthcare and frontline workers plus workers in essential services



Seniors

What to Expect

The current two vaccines approved in Singapore are given via **an injection in the upper arm.**



across **two shots**



21 days apart for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

28 days apart for Moderna vaccine

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



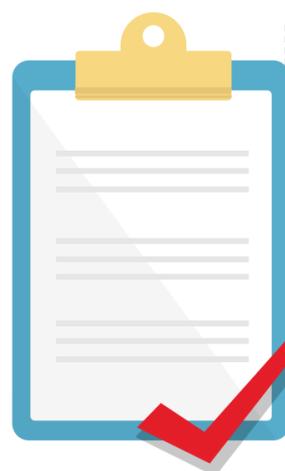
Headache



Fever

The vaccines are **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?

- ◆ Children aged below 16 years
- ◆ Women who are pregnant, or who become pregnant before their second vaccination dose
- ◆ Those with history of anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergic reactions)
- ◆ Those who experience an allergic reaction after the first vaccine dose
- ◆ Persons with severely weakened immune system e.g. recent organ transplant patients
- ◆ Patients on cancer chemotherapy, immunotherapy or radiation therapy

Persons with a history of multiple allergies or allergic reactions to any drug (including NSAIDs), food, insect stings or unknown trigger (idiopathic), not amounting to an anaphylaxis **can be vaccinated.**

