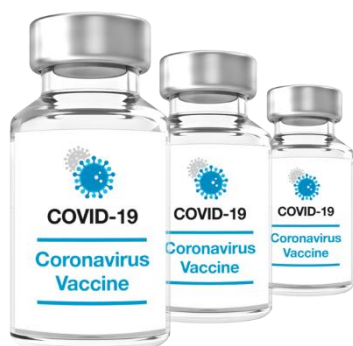# Coronavirus Vaccine

Vaccines are medicines.

Getting vaccines might protect people from catching viruses or diseases.

There is now a vaccine for Coronavirus.

Some people who had their Coronavirus vaccine can still catch Coronavirus.

These people might be less ill than people who did not have the vaccine.

The Government and NHS say that the vaccine is safe.

Developed by Strategic Health Facilitators January 2021.

People with a learning disability will be offered Coronavirus vaccine soon.

This is because people with a learning disability are more likely to be seriously ill from Coronavirus.

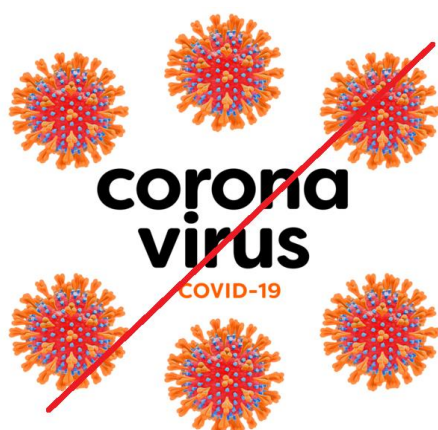Some people with Coronavirus might need to go into hospital.

Coronavirus vaccine is given by injection into your arm.

You will need to have two injections a few weeks apart.

After each injection you might have to wait in the waiting area for 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes, you can go home.

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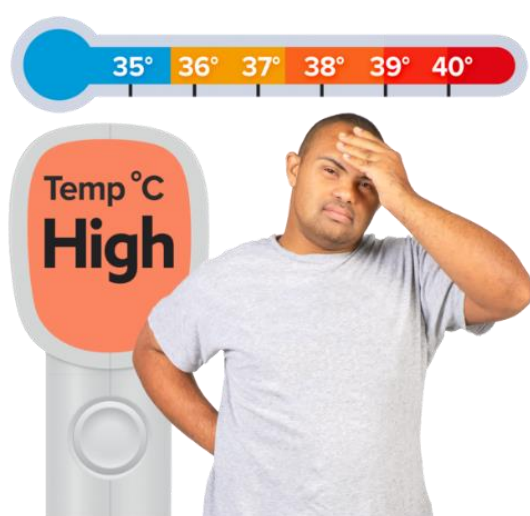
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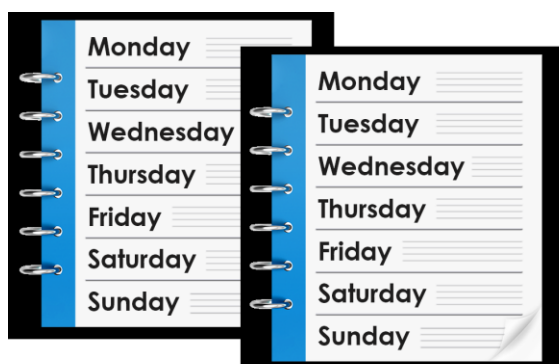
You can't catch Coronavirus from the vaccine.

Some people may get side effects after having a vaccine.

Some side-effects you may experience are:

- Feeling hot
- Your arm may hurt for a little while
- You might feel tired

This is all OK.

Vaccines take some time to work.

Usually it takes 2 weeks or 14 days for the vaccine to work.

Having a vaccine is your choice.

After you had your vaccine, you will still need to follow Coronavirus rules.

- Wash your hands

- Wear a face mask

- Keep safe distance from other people

Hands   Face

Space

If you are not sure or are worried about having a vaccine, talk to someone about it.

You can talk to your carer, family or a doctor.

MAKING MY DECISION.

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A basic guide to supporting someone to make a decision can be found here.

(With thanks to Down Syndrome Association)