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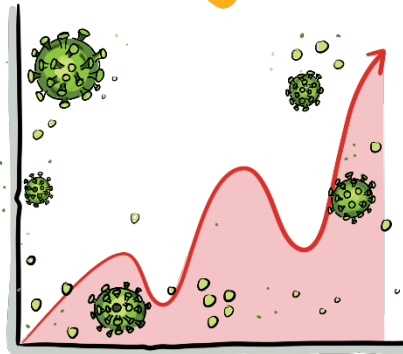
COVID-19 – FACTS ABOUT THE GLOBAL
VACCINE ROLLOUT



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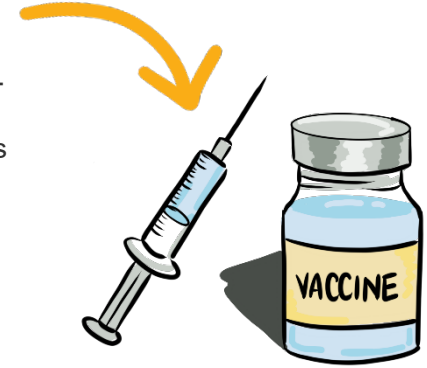
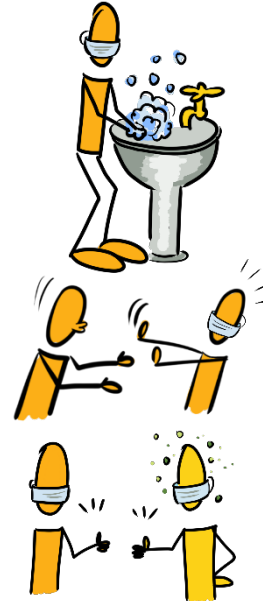
WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM...

In early 2020, the world came face to face with the greatest medical challenge in recent history in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Since this time, COVID-19 has gone on to cause millions of infections and deaths around the world – with considerable personal, economic, social, developmental and other serious consequences.

As time has marched on, the mode of transmission of Covid-19 and the preventative measures have remained the same.



The most prolific occurrence in the fight against Covid-19 has been the international development of medically-approved vaccines.

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ILLOVO SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Illovo's VACCINATION ROLLOUT PROGRAMME has these 3 objectives:

1



To vaccinate our healthcare teams to ensure protection for frequently exposed personnel and maintain clinic resilience.

2



To establish our clinics as vaccination centers to ensure the effective acquisition and dissemination of vaccines to our employees and their families.

3



To use our vaccination centers responsibly to vaccinate the broader communities in which we operate in coordination with local stakeholders.

This presentation is aimed at arming **YOU** – our Illovo employees, your families and friends, growers, partners and community members with the **FACTS** around COVID-19 Vaccination Programmes which are now beginning to rollout across our wide geographic footprint.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TAKING THE VACCINE?

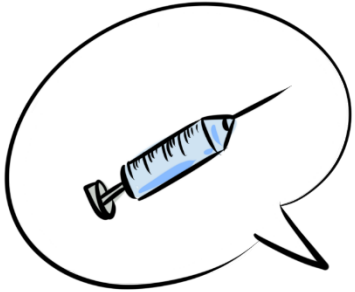
Illovo Sugar Africa and its businesses align with Ministry of Health guidance in our countries of operation and on that basis, encourage employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19.



Governments across the globe have not declared COVID-19 vaccination as mandatory.

Illovo's undertaking is to provide "COVID-19-Safe" work-place environments across all work-types in order, as far as reasonably possible, to protect all employees from exposure.

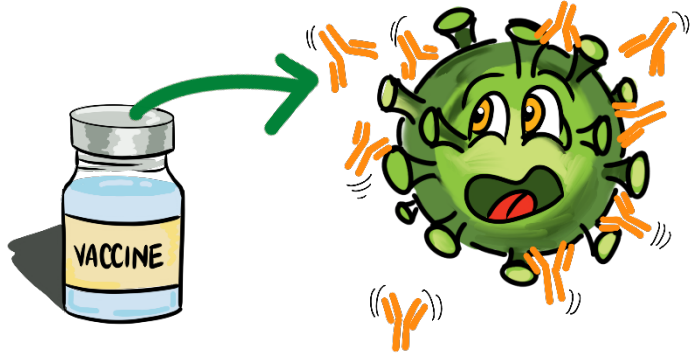
You will not be able to choose which vaccine you get: This is a decision made by your government on your behalf and in the interests of all the people living in your country.



Taking the vaccine you are offered means you will be protected sooner, reducing your risk of serious illness from Covid-19 and making sure that the people around you are protected sooner too.

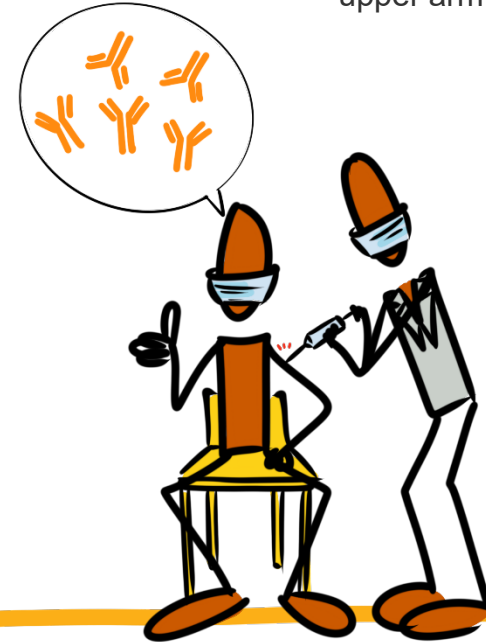
VACCINES & COVID-19 VACCINES

A vaccine is a medicine that stimulates your immune system to produce antibodies that help the body to fight infections and illnesses.



Vaccines are administered to children and adults all over the world to help in the prevention against diseases like the flu, polio and measles.

The COVID-19 vaccine is intended to create immunity against COVID-19 and is given by injection into the muscle of the upper arm.

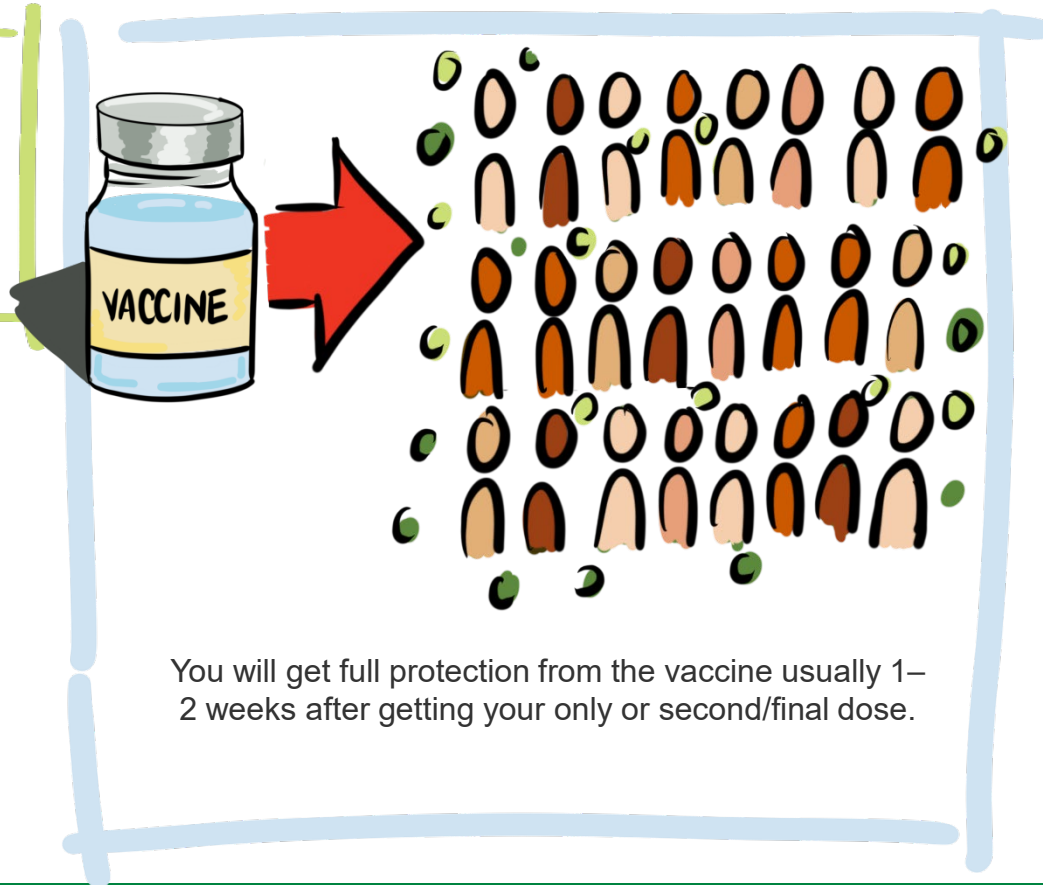


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VACCINES & COVID-19 VACCINES

COVID-19 vaccines go through a rigorous, multi-stage testing process, including large trials that involve tens of thousands of people. International health regulatory authorities, including the World Health Organisation, are responsible for the approval of the use of the vaccines.



You will get full protection from the vaccine usually 1–2 weeks after getting your only or second/final dose.

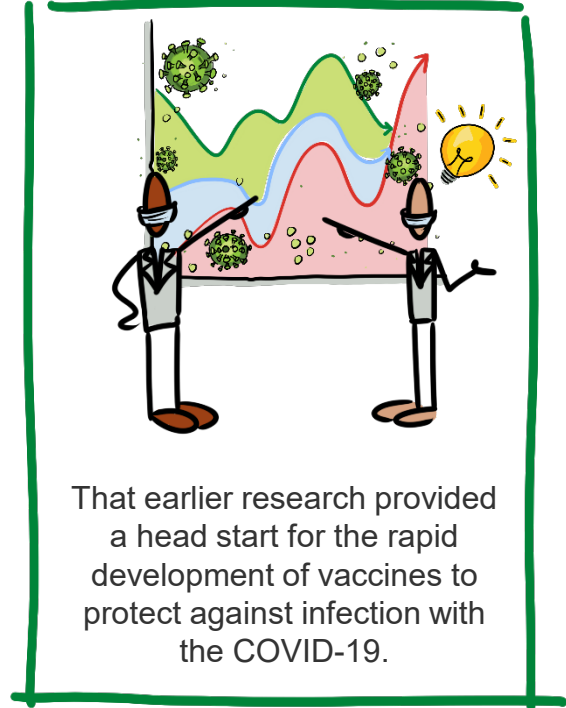
ARE VACCINES SAFE?

Is it safe?



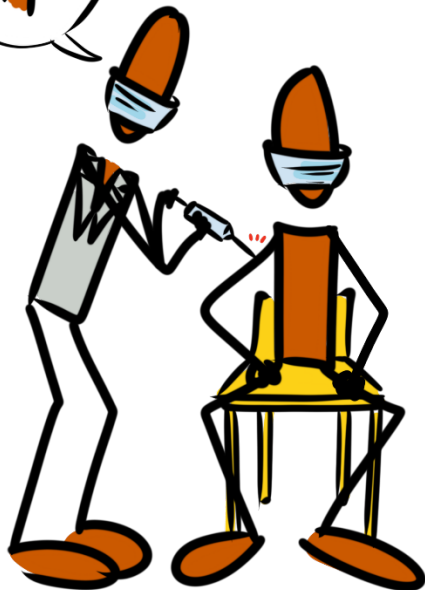
Yes, Covid-19 vaccines are safe. All international regulators authorising licensed use of medicines and vaccines have said current Covid-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective.

Scientists had already begun research for vaccines for other coronaviruses, such as SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).



That earlier research provided a head start for the rapid development of vaccines to protect against infection with the COVID-19.

DO VACCINES HAVE SIDE-EFFECTS?



After getting vaccinated, you might have some mild side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building immunity or protection.

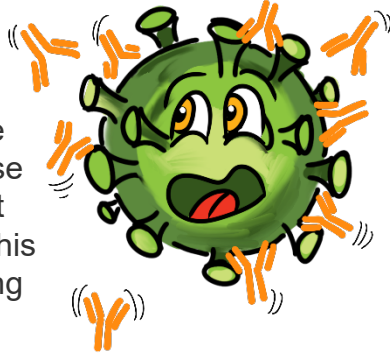
When you are being vaccinated be sure to ask the health professional of the potential side effects which should disappear after a couple of days.



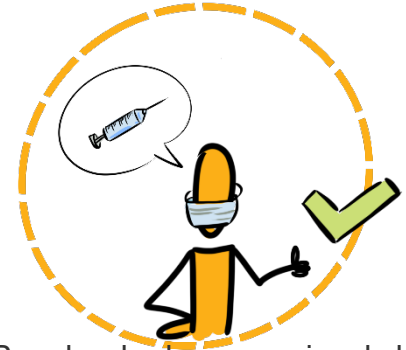
None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 - so a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an immune response without having to experience sickness.

ARE VACCINES EFFECTIVE?

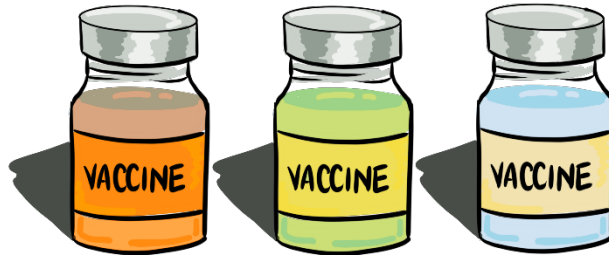
Yes. COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognise and fight the virus that causes COVID-19 and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19.



There is solid scientific evidence that vaccination is the best defence against serious infections.



People who have previously been infected with COVID-19 should be vaccinated anyway.



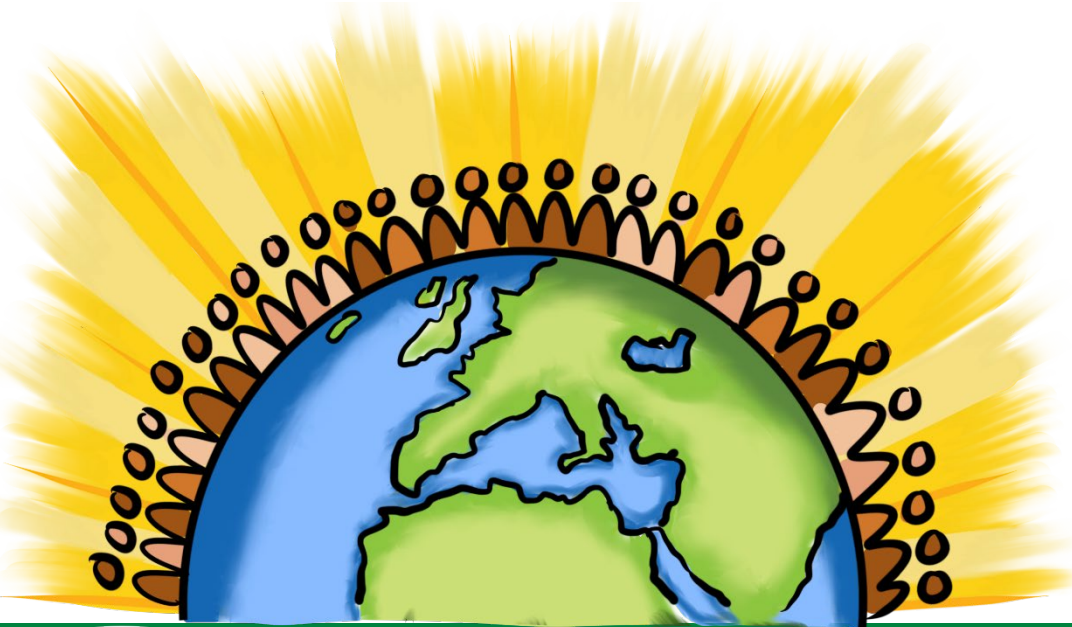
The Covid-19 vaccine works in different ways to prevent severe illness, or death – or protect people from getting Covid-19 altogether.

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ARE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccinations are available and rollouts have commenced in several countries around the world. Governments in Eswatini, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia are sourcing and overseeing the distribution and rollout of the vaccine in a phased approach.

Illovo has launched its own Vaccination Rollout Project through which it is working with Governments and other regulatory authorities to register our own hospitals and clinics as Vaccination Centres. Please keep a look out for communications in this regard.



Whether you choose to get vaccinated or not, you should continue practicing the well-documented COVID precautions and infection prevention and control, including seeking testing should relevant symptoms emerge.

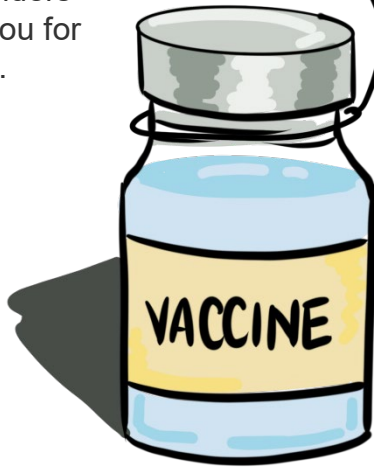


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WHO IS PAYING FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINES?

Currently, country Governments are providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the country. COVID-19 vaccination providers **cannot** charge you for the vaccine.



There is a global ban on the sale of COVID-19 vaccinations through any other source other than the government of your country.

If you have independently sourced Covid-19 vaccination at your own cost **then you are being scammed.**



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MISCONCEPTIONS

Anti-vaccination misinformation focuses on the need for vaccines, how they work, safety, their components, their moral or religious acceptability, and their development and testing. The following facts can be used to address anti-vaccination misinformation.



Fact: Vaccines are rigorously tested to ensure that they are safe

Vaccine development is a rigorous process with layers of safety and efficacy reviews before approval for widespread use can be gained. Once vaccines are licensed for use, they are subject to ongoing safety surveillance.

Regulators and researchers use passive or active systems to determine whether there is a spike in adverse events following a particular vaccine. This is particularly the case with a new vaccine programme.

Fact: Vaccines can help where the body's natural immunity cannot

There is overwhelming scientific evidence that vaccination is the best defence against serious infections. The COVID-19 vaccine presents the body with instructions to build immunity and does not alter human cells. Vaccines have been proven to reduce the morbidity and mortality of infectious diseases.

MISCONCEPTIONS



Fact: Vaccines prevent diseases and do not cause them

One of the rare side effects of vaccines is that they can cause mild symptoms resembling those of the disease they are providing protection against. However, these symptoms are actually the body's immune system reacting to the vaccine and not the disease itself.

Fact: Vaccines contain chemicals that we encounter every day

Some people worry that ingredients contained in a vaccine, such as mercury, aluminium, and formaldehyde, are harmful due to their perceived toxicity. In high concentrations these chemicals are indeed toxic, but only trace amounts are used in vaccines.

Fact: Claims linking vaccines to autism relied on poor and fraudulent research

One of the most prevalent misinformation theories around vaccines stems from a widely discredited, and since retracted, study published in the Lancet in 1998. The study's discussion raised questions about whether there was a link between the MMR vaccine and autism. Since then further studies have demonstrated there is no causal link between any vaccine and autism.

BUSTING MYTHS



It is important to protect the public against misinformation and propaganda. Before spending time and resources on addressing specific misinformation, it is also important to know whether it is really having an impact or is likely to have an impact.

Every time misinformation is addressed, someone else's agenda is being profiled. Because misinformation can spread fast, it is best if communicators and messengers are prepared. One approach against misinformation is achieved by explaining misleading or manipulative argumentation strategies to people. It includes a warning that people may be misled, followed by a pre-emptive refutation of the misleading argument. The following are some of the misinformation and myths that have been recorded during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Were vaccine safety protocols circumvented to fast track their authorisation for use?

The fast development and approval of vaccines is a great human feat worthy of celebration. This has been possible because we have learnt over many decades how to make and test vaccines and we were able to take those lessons and challenge ourselves to produce a vaccine much quicker. No step in the development, testing or ratification of the COVID-19 vaccines has been skipped. The world was able to develop vaccines fast because scientists and governments around the world collaborated in a manner that has never been achieved before and pooled resources and information to ensure that everyone can contribute to the knowledge.

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Will the vaccine change a person's DNA?

Vaccines work by stimulating the body the same way the virus would if someone were infected. The vaccine does not work on the DNA of the body. Some people think that because some of the vaccines are made using RNA technology that the RNA will interact with the DNA. That is not how it works. The technology is simply the way the vaccine is made - not what it will do to the body.

The Vaccines have the mark of the Beast – 666.

Vaccines have no connection with any religious organisations and cannot be infused with spirits, demons or other abstract ingredients. There is no conspiracy to possess, bewitch or control anybody



BUSTING MYTHS (2)



Big businesses are pushing vaccines to improve profits.

The COVID-19 crisis has caused massive upheaval across the globe and no nation has been spared. A vaccine represents the best hope to save lives and to restore our way of life. Many governments have therefore entered into direct talks with vaccine makers to ensure a timeous supply of vaccines.

Do 5G networks cause the coronavirus through radiation emissions?

The World Health Organisation has made it clear that viruses cannot travel on radio waves/mobile networks. It is also a fact that COVID-19 is spreading in many countries that do not have 5G mobile networks. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs sneezes or speaks. People can also be infected by touching a contaminated surface and then their eyes, mouth or nose.



BUSTING MYTHS (2)

Vaccines contain a form of microchip that will be used to track and control an individual.

There is no vaccine "microchip" and there is no evidence to support claims that such a move is planned. Receiving a vaccine will not allow people to be tracked and personal information would not be entered into a database.



Vaccines are a way for our former oppressors to oppress us again.

Governments would never allow a situation where any country or nation would be allowed to oppress our people through any means. Scientists and governments all over the world, including our own, have contributed to the knowledge that has led to the development of the vaccines. It has not just been the work of Western and rich countries but a global collaboration.



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