

How does it work?

The vaccine contains molecules that will be recognized by your body and will trigger an immune response to produce antibodies against Covid-19.

How is it given?

It is an injection that will be given into the muscle in your upper arm. You will receive a second dose at least 21 days after your first.

How safe is it?

It has met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness set out by the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

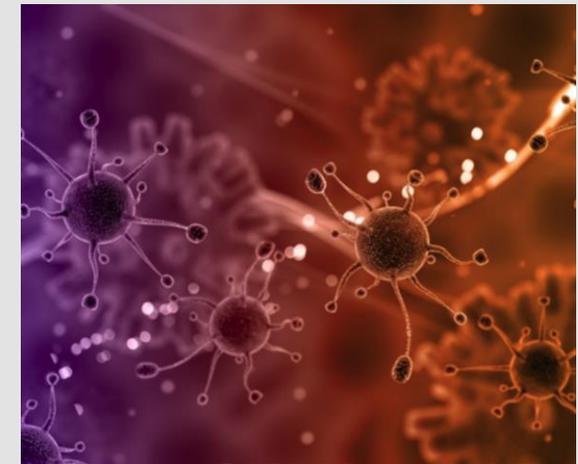
The vaccine is contraindicated in patients who have had an anaphylactic reaction to **any** vaccine, medication or food product. It is not indicated for **pregnant/ breastfeeding** women.

How effective is the vaccine?

In clinical trials involving 44,000 people in 6 different countries the vaccine has been shown to be 95% effective. You should however continue to follow all the government guidance around social distancing, wearing masks, hand hygiene and self-isolation if you have symptoms of Covid-19.

What are the Ingredients?

- Only contains messenger RNA molecules of Covid-19.
- Does not contain any animal products or egg.



Patient Information Leaflet after receiving the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine

Side effects

Most of the side effects are mild and should not last longer than one week: -

- Pain/ swelling or redness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle and joint aches and fever*.
- There have been some cases of anaphylactoid reaction (severe allergic reaction), but this will happen in the first few minutes. Staff giving the vaccine are trained to deal with this.

*Fever following the Covid-19 Vaccine

- The vaccine itself may cause a fever which should resolve within 48 hours.
- This is a common reaction and isolation is NOT required unless you have a strong suspicion that you have Covid-19 (e.g., have other symptoms such as cough, loss of taste/ smell, muscle aches etc....).
- You may use Paracetamol to ease these symptoms following vaccination.
- **If the fever does not resolve within 48 hours or you develop other symptoms of Covid-19 please self-isolate and book a coronavirus swab test.**
- The vaccine WILL NOT interfere with testing for Covid-19 infection.

Ongoing Advice Following Vaccination

- It is extremely important to remember to continue to follow the government guidelines on social distancing, wearing face masks, and washing hands regularly and thoroughly.
- It will take at least 7 days after your 2nd dose of the vaccine to produce antibodies against the virus.
- If you develop symptoms of Covid-19 even after vaccination, **please continue to follow the guidance around self-isolation and testing.**