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# Plain English COVID-19 Vaccination Information Deck



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# Video 1: What is the COVID-19 vaccine?

# What is the COVID-19 vaccine and how does it work?

## COVID-19 vaccines work like other vaccines.

Vaccines help a person's body to recognise and fight against viruses that can make you ill.

You need to get two doses of the same COVID-19 vaccine to be protected.

This will prevent you from getting very sick and reduce the chance of you transmitting the virus to others.

By getting both doses, you will help protect you, your family and your community from the virus.



**Talk to your GP if you have any questions.**

# Is the vaccine a cure for COVID-19?

There is no cure for the virus.

By getting the vaccine you will help protect you, your family and your community from the virus.

The background features a large, light grey circle in the upper right. Below it, a large orange shape, resembling a stylized virus particle or a protective shield, dominates the right side. Two smaller, yellow virus-like particles with orange dots are positioned on the orange shape. The word "No." is written in large white letters on the orange shape.

**No.**

# Will the vaccine give me COVID-19?

**No.**

You CANNOT get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

# What is the difference between the COVID-19 vaccines?

There are many different vaccines that have been developed to protect against COVID-19.

Currently Australia has two vaccines available. Both are very effective.

Although they are made using different techniques, they both tell our immune system how to make antibodies to protect you from the COVID-19 virus.



# Do faith leaders support the COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Australia?

Yes.

## The Australian Fatwa Council

- The Fatwa advised Australia's COVID-19 vaccines are permissible according to the Islamic law in February 2021.  
You can read the statement [here](#).

## Catholic Church

- The Vatican released a statement supporting the use of COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020. You can read the statement [here](#).