

YOUR VACCINE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the UK have met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness. They can cause some side effects, but not everyone gets them. Any side effects are usually mild and should not last longer than a week.

Can I have the vaccine if I am pregnant, breast-feeding or trying to get pregnant?

Yes, you can have the vaccine if you are pregnant, breast-feeding or trying to get pregnant. If you are pregnant it's preferable for you to have the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccine because they've been more widely used during pregnancy in other countries and have not caused any safety issues.

The COVID-19 vaccine cannot give you or your baby COVID-19.

Can I choose which vaccine to have?

No. Any vaccines that the NHS provide have been approved because they passed safety tests. During the vaccination clinics at the Arbury Shopping Centre we will be offering the Pfizer vaccine.

Can I have the vaccine if I have severe allergies?

Most people with allergies (including food or penicillin allergies) can be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Tell healthcare staff before you're vaccinated if you've ever had a serious allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis). They may ask what you're allergic to, to make sure you can have the vaccine.