

YOUR VACCINE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Is there animal product in the vaccines?

No. There is no material of animal origin in any of the vaccines. The vaccines are suitable for people of all faiths. All ingredients are published in healthcare information on the MHRA's website.

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. You will be offered the right vaccine based on your circumstances, for example your age group.