

COVID-19 VACCINE INFO

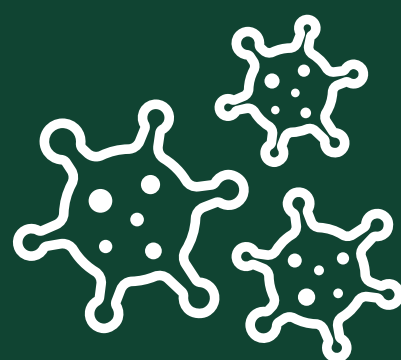


Various Covid-19 vaccines are being sourced for South Africa, each with different cold chain and storage requirements. While some vaccines have a single dose, others require 2 doses. All must be used within 6 hours of opening the vial and within the expiry dates of the batch of vaccines. The vaccine is given through an injection in the upper arm.

THE VACCINE AIMS TO:



Reduce illness and death from Covid-19



Stop Covid-19 transmission

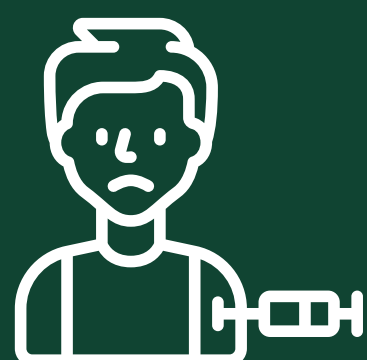


Protect the health system

The vaccine is a modified version of a virus which is not live and is designed not to cause illness when used as a vaccine.

SIDE-EFFECTS:

Side-effects show that the body is responding to the vaccine by mounting an immune response, known as reactogenicity. This includes:



Pain at the injection site



Headache



Fever or tiredness

- These side effects can last for a few days and paracetamol can ease these symptoms.
- Discuss concerns with your doctor if you had severe allergic reactions to medications in the past.
- If you have had Covid-19, the natural immunity does not last long. Vaccination will prevent re-infection.
- If quarantined or have Covid-19, please complete isolation period and recover before getting vaccinated.
- The Covid-19 vaccine is not compulsory and it is the decision of each person to give consent.

ROLL OUT WILL BE DONE IN 3 PHASES:

1 Healthcare workers
Care workers
Traditional healers
Funeral parlor workers
Healthcare students

2 Essential workers
People over 60 years
People over 18 with co-morbidities

3 General public over the age of 18 years

Please contact your Evergreen Health clinic if you have further queries, as we are following the latest developments and engaging with relevant role-players in health and social development.

General Covid-19 prevention must still be followed please -which include:

Wearing a mask, social distancing and sanitising hands and surfaces.