

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Should people who have already had Covid-19 get vaccinated?

Yes, if they are in a priority group identified by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. We don't yet know how long immunity lasts after having been infected with Covid-19, so getting vaccinated is just as important for those who have already had it as it is for those who haven't.



What do the vaccines contain?

The approved Covid-19 vaccines do not contain any animal products or egg. No whole Covid-19 virus or live virus is used in the vaccines. This means the vaccine cannot give you Covid-19 and does not make you infectious after you have had the vaccine. This means it is also safe for people with a suppressed immune system.



Were the trial participants reflective of a multi-ethnic population?

The Public Assessment Reports contain the scientific information about the trials which show Pfizer trial participants included 9.6% Black/African, 26.1% Hispanic/Latino and 3.4% Asian. For the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine 10.1% of trial recipients were Black and 3.5% Asian. There is no evidence either of the vaccines will work differently in different ethnic groups.



Are there any groups that shouldn't have the vaccine?

You are advised not to have the vaccine if you had a serious allergic reaction to the Covid-19 vaccine (first dose), or to an ingredient in the vaccine. If you have allergies (even anaphylaxis) to other things like food, you are advised to have the vaccine. Tell healthcare staff before you have the vaccination if you've ever had a serious allergic reaction.



Should I have the vaccination if I am pregnant?

Although the available data do not indicate any harm to pregnancy, there is insufficient evidence to recommend routine use of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy. Speak to a healthcare professional before you have the vaccination.



Where can I find more information about vaccinations? Visit: www.sneevaccine.org.uk

Whenever you are out of your home, still remember 'Hands. Face. Space':

Hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
Face – wear a face covering over nose and mouth in indoor settings
Space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible