



Why should I get vaccinated for COVID-19?

Learn about the benefits to being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Protect yourself

COVID-19 can cause serious ongoing health conditions, and sometimes death. Immunisation is a safe and effective way of protecting you and your family.

Protect your community

Immunisation helps protect others, especially those who may not be able to be immunised themselves. When you get immunised, you protect yourself as well as helping to protect the whole community.

When enough people in the community get immunised, it is more difficult for the virus to spread. This helps to protect people who are at more risk of getting the disease, including unvaccinated members of the community. This means that even those who are too young or too sick to be vaccinated will not encounter the disease.

Help reduce the existence of COVID-19

If enough people in the community get immunised, the infection can no longer spread from person to person. This would mean outbreaks are much less likely, and the need for preventative measures, like travel restrictions, would decrease.

Sometimes the disease can die out altogether. For example, [smallpox was eradicated in 1980](#) after a vaccination campaign led by the World Health Organization. There are now only a few cases remaining in the developing world.

Last updated:

22 December 2020

Tags:

Communicable diseases

Emergency health management

Immunisation

COVID-19 vaccines