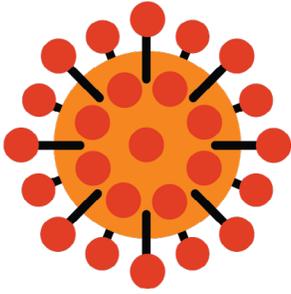




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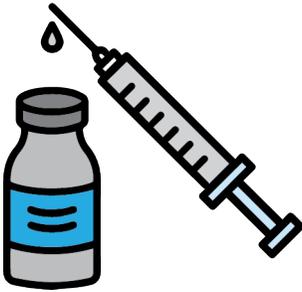
# **What you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine**

# **Words to Know in this Fact Sheet**



## COVID-19

A bad disease that has spread around the world. It can make people very sick and can kill people



## Vaccine

A shot a doctor gives you to keep you from getting sick



## COVID-19 vaccine

A shot that can keep you from getting COVID-19



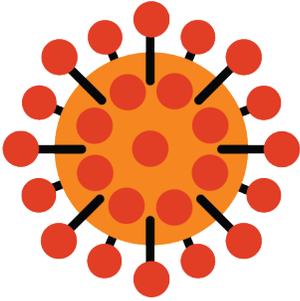
## High-risk

Can mean 2 things. High-risk can mean people who are the most likely to catch COVID-19. High-risk can also mean people who are more likely to get really sick, or die, if they catch COVID-19

# The COVID-19 Vaccine

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## What is COVID-19?



COVID-19 is a bad disease.



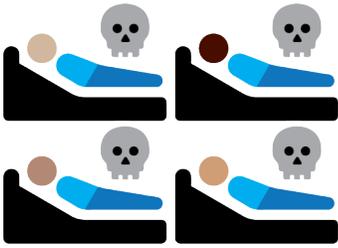
It can make people very sick.



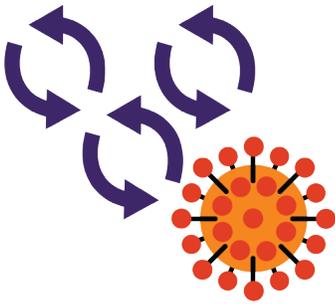
COVID-19 has spread around the world.



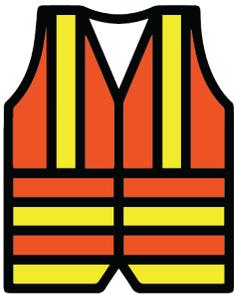
A lot of people have died from COVID-19.



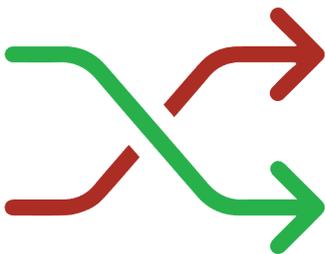
Lots of people are still dying from COVID-19.



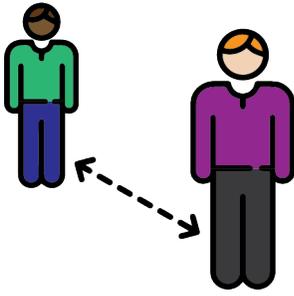
COVID-19 changed the way we live.



We have to try and stay safe from COVID-19.



That means we have to do a lot of things differently.



- People have had to stay far away from each other.



- We have had to stay in our homes a lot.



- We may not have been able to go to school.



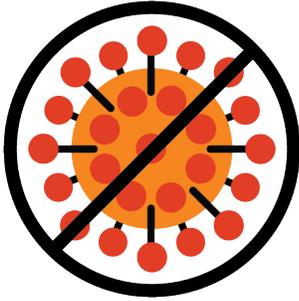
- We may not have been able to go to work.



- If we go out, we may have to wear a mask.



These things keep us safe.



We want COVID-19 to go away.



We want to go back to normal.

# What is a Vaccine?



A **vaccine** is a shot.



It keeps you from getting sick.



Doctors give people shots to keep us from being sick.



- There is a shot to keep you from getting chicken pox.



- There is a shot to keep you from getting the measles.



- There is a shot to keep you from getting the flu.



Now there is a shot to keep you from getting COVID-19.

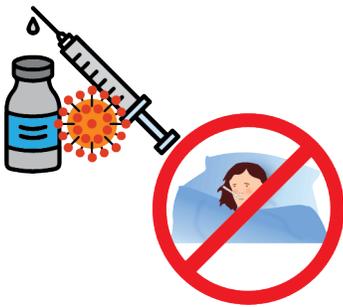


That shot is called the **COVID-19 vaccine**.

# Why Should I Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?



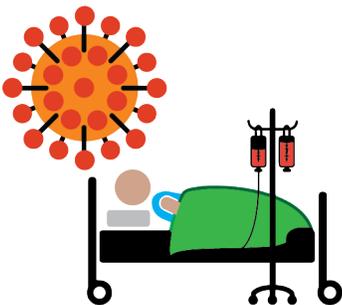
The vaccine keeps you safe from COVID-19.



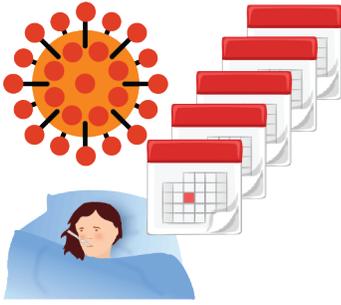
Once you get the vaccine, you probably won't get sick from COVID-19. If you do get sick, it probably won't be as bad.



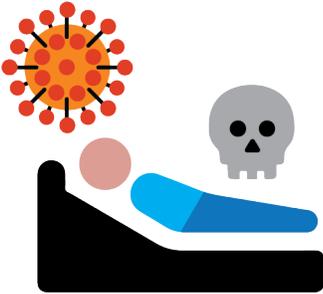
This is a good thing!



COVID-19 can make people very sick.



It can give people health problems for the rest of their lives.



It can even kill people.



Because COVID-19 is so bad, it's important to get the vaccine.



If enough people get the vaccine, then less people will get sick from COVID-19.

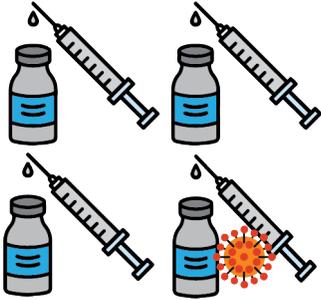


You can help stop COVID-19 and keep people safe.



You can get the vaccine.

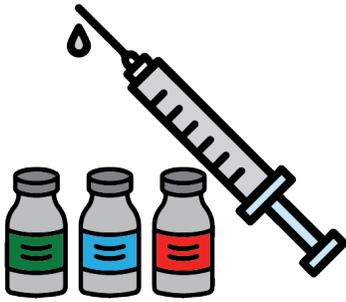
## What Will Getting the Vaccine Be Like?



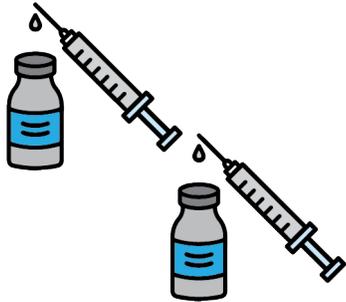
Getting the vaccine will be like getting other shots.



A doctor, nurse, or pharmacist will give you the shot.



There are different kinds of COVID-19 vaccine.



You might need to get 2 shots.



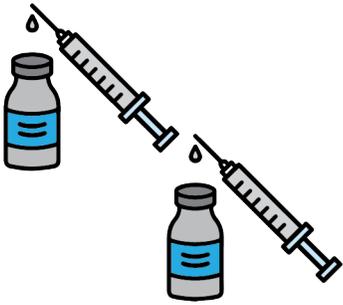
Or, you might only need to get one shot.



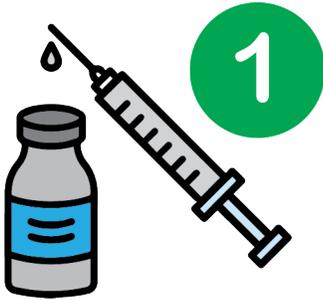
The person giving you the vaccine will tell you what kind of vaccine it is.



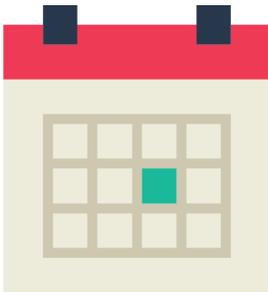
They will tell you whether you need to come back for another shot.



- If you need to get 2 shots, it works like this:



- First, you will get one shot.



- Then, you will wait about one month.



- Then, you will get a second shot.



You might feel a little sick after you get your shot.



That happens with shots sometimes.



You are still okay.



You will feel better in a day or two.

# Is the Vaccine Safe?



Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe.



The vaccine got tested on lots of people.



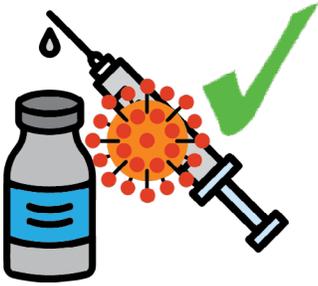
It got tested on people of different ages.



It got tested on people from different races.



Almost everyone who got the vaccine felt fine after.

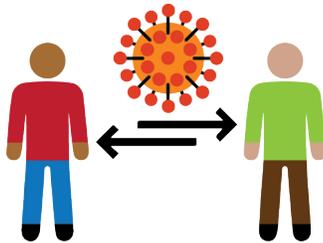


The COVID-19 vaccine works.

## Do I Still Need to Wear a Mask?



The vaccine works really well to keep you from getting sick.



But, you might still be able to give COVID-19 to other people.



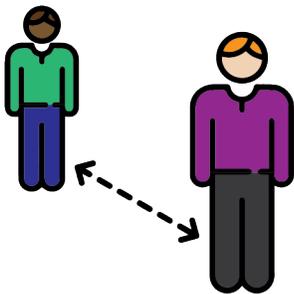
We still need to be careful so everyone can stay safe.



We may want to keep wearing a mask when we go out.



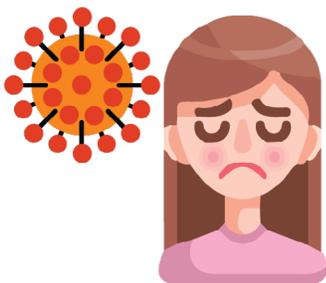
We may want to keep staying at home a lot if we are high-risk.



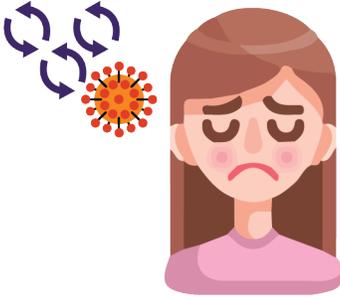
We will want to keep staying away from large groups of people.



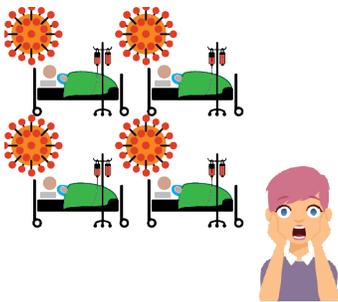
We won't need to do these things forever.



COVID-19 has been really hard.



It has been hard to change so many things.



It has been scary for so many people to get sick.



But we know how to keep each other safe.



We can do this.

## To Learn More

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Plain Language COVID-19 Resources:  
<https://autisticadvocacy.org/resources/covid-pl/>

2

“Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine” Social Story:  
<https://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/publications/documents/GettingACOVID19VaccineSocialStoryIDD-F.pdf>

### **Want to get vaccinated?**

Talk with your doctor or call the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) at 888-677-1199 or email [DIAL@usaginganddisability.org](mailto:DIAL@usaginganddisability.org)