

# COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 is a highly infectious disease which can cause serious illness, hospitalisation and even death.

Now there is a **vaccine** available.

It is an injection in your arm, given to you two times, on different dates

If you want to get the vaccine, you can and it is free.

Once you have the **two doses** of the vaccine your chances of getting COVID-19 and getting very sick are much lower.



Would you like to get the COVID-19 vaccine?



The side effects are mild and short term.

Your arm may be sore for a while.



You may have a temperature (fever).



The good effects of the vaccine should be long lasting and will protect you against contracting COVID-19 and getting very sick.



The HSE recommends that people get the COVID-19 vaccine.



But you don't have to accept it. You have the right to refuse the COVID-19 vaccine.



For the moment , whether you get the COVID-19 vaccine or not, **you still need to wear a mask, wash your hands often and maintain social distancing.**



**If you need any advice contact your GP, your nearest HSE health centre, or follow these links:**

**<https://www2.hse.ie/covid-19-vaccine/>**

**<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/covid-19-vaccine-materials.html>**

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