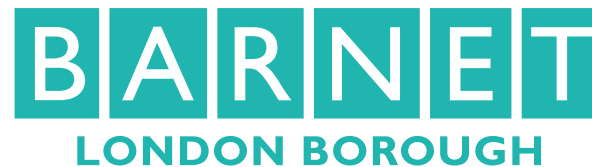


# Q & A



## COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A pack



# Q&A



## Question

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Does the COVID-19 vaccine contain any animal product?

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## Answer

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No. There is no material of animal origin in either vaccine. All ingredients are published on the MHRA's\* website.

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# Q&A



## Question

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How can I book my COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

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## Answer

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When it's the right time people will be contacted to make their appointments. Most people will receive a letter, text message or call either from their GP, a local hospital or the national booking system.

If you are in an eligible group, you can book your appointment by visiting:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/) or calling 119

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# Q&A



## Question

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Will the COVID-19 vaccine affect my fertility?

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## Answer

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There is “absolutely no evidence” that COVID-19 vaccines can affect the fertility of women or men, according to guidance published by the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists and the British Fertility Society.

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# Q&A



## Question

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How long will the vaccines provide protection from COVID-19?

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## Answer

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The NHS expects the COVID-19 vaccine to work for at least a year – if not longer. This will be constantly monitored.

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# Q&A



## Question

“ How long does the COVID-19 vaccine take to be effective? ”

## Answer

“ The first dose will offer some protection after 21 days. You will be given an appointment for a second jab that is within 12 weeks of your first. ”

# Q&A



## Question

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I am a carer, when will I be offered the COVID-19 vaccine?

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## Answer

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Formal and informal carers are now eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine.

Formal carers should book their appointment through the online NHS booking system or calling 119.

Informal carers who are not registered as such by their GP should register here:

[www.onlinecarersassessment.org.uk/covid-19-vaccination/](http://www.onlinecarersassessment.org.uk/covid-19-vaccination/)

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# Q&A



## Question

“

I have already had COVID-19, do I still need to be vaccinated?

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## Answer

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Yes. The MHRA\* have looked at this and decided that getting vaccinated is just as important for those who have already had COVID-19 as it is for those who haven't, including those who have mild residual symptoms. The vaccine is the best protection we have against harm from COVID-19.

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# Q&A



## Question

“ Has the COVID-19 vaccine been tested on a multi-ethnic population? ”

## Answer

“ The COVID-19 vaccine has been tested on people of different ethnic backgrounds. There is no evidence either of the vaccines will work differently in different ethnic groups. ”

# Q&A



## Question

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Can I pick the vaccine that I want?

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## Answer

“ No. You will be given whichever vaccine has been delivered to a hub on a particular day. All vaccines offered have passed the MHRA’s\* tests on safety and efficacy. ”

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# Q&A



## Question

“ Will the COVID-19 vaccine work against the new strains? ”

## Answer

“ Emerging evidence suggests that all vaccines available are protective against severe illness and deaths for all currently circulating variants in the UK. The situation is being continually monitored. ”

# Q&A



## Question

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Can I have the COVID-19 vaccine if I am pregnant?

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## Answer

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Yes. The MHRA\* have updated their guidance to say that pregnant women and those who are breastfeeding can have the vaccine but should discuss it with their clinician to decide if it is suitable for them.

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