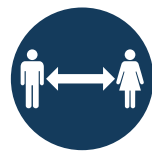




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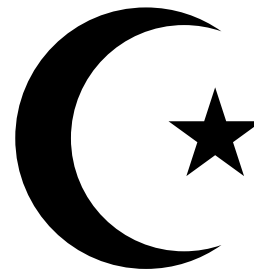


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What you need to know about the Coronavirus vaccine



Muslim faith version



Coronavirus is a type of illness that makes people feel poorly.

People who have coronavirus may:

- Have a sore throat
- Have a high temperature
- Have a cough
- Find it more difficult to breathe than normal
- Lose their smell or taste

To stop people getting Coronavirus people called scientists have made a vaccine.

A scientist is a person who tries to understand how our world and other things work.

What is a vaccine?

A vaccine helps your body to make antibodies.

Your body makes antibodies when it fights an infection, like Coronavirus.

The vaccine does not give you Coronavirus. It teaches your body to fight the virus.



It will take some time for all the groups of people to be asked if they want the vaccine so you need to be patient.

Is the vaccine Halal?

Yes the vaccine is Halal and follows the rules outlined in Shariah law.

There are no animal products in the vaccine.

Can I have the vaccine during Ramadan?

Most Muslim scholars believe having the vaccine does not break the fast. They believe that having an injection is not the same as eating or drinking because it is seen as medicine, not food.

How will I know about the vaccine?

When it is your turn to be offered the vaccine, you will be contacted by the prison healthcare team.

The vaccine will make it less likely that you will get Coronavirus.

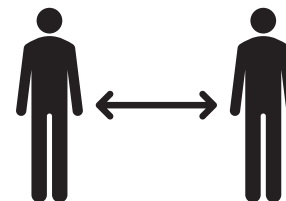


The vaccine will be given to you in an injection in your arm by prison healthcare.

You will have one injection and then you will need to have another one 3 to 12 weeks later.

Some people might have a sore arm, sore muscles or a slight temperature after the injection. This is because the injection is new to your body.

If you don't feel well you can tell a member of staff who will check if you are ok.



We do not know if the vaccine will stop you from passing Coronavirus on to other people, so you must continue to:

- Keep 2 metres away from people
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue and throw it away
- Wear a face covering
- Regularly wash your hands



After having a vaccination your body gets better at fighting that illness, without you having to get poorly first.

Unlike lots of medicines, which can treat or cure diseases, vaccines stop them without you getting poorly.

There are currently two vaccines that are ready to give to people and doctors and scientists say the vaccines are safe to use.

Doctors and scientists say that if people have the vaccine, less people will get ill from Coronavirus.

Is the vaccine safe?

All vaccines used in the UK have to meet strict safety rules. There have been lots of trials and safety checks which had to happen before the vaccine could be approved for use.

Who will get the vaccine?

Older people are at risk of being really ill if they get Coronavirus so they will be offered the vaccine first.

