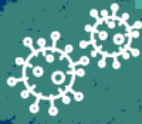


MYTH:

'I am not having the vaccine as I don't want to get COVID-19.'

FACT:

The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19.

**MYTH:**

'The vaccine is not safe, it went through the approval process quickly'

FACT:

Coronavirus vaccines go through clinical trials and safety checks like all other licensed medicines. The UK has some of the highest safety standards in the world (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency).

MYTH:

'The vaccine contains microchips for tracking purposes'

FACT:

Neither of the vaccines contain any tracking technology. Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine contain lipids (fats) that help deliver the mRNA into your cells that help maintain the pH and stability of the vaccine.

**MYTH:**

'3% of people that take the vaccine will suffer severe side effects.'

FACT:

This percentage is false there is small risk associated with short-term side effects, compared to death from COVID-19 or long term complications.

**MYTH:**

'I have been reading the vaccines will change my DNA?'

FACT:

The vaccine will not change your DNA. COVID-19 vaccines offer protection against the infection. Instructing your body to develop an immune system response.

MYTH:

'The vaccine contains pork'.

FACT:

There is no material of foetal or animal origin, including eggs, in either vaccine. All ingredients are published in healthcare information on the MHRA's website.

**MYTH:**

'I've already had COVID-19 so I'm immune and don't need it.'

FACT:

We don't know that you can't have COVID-19 twice, so even if you have already had the virus, you should still have your vaccine for maximum protection. You should wait until you have recovered from COVID-19 (at least 28 days) until you receive the vaccine.

MYTH:

'I am not going to take the vaccine and wait for herd immunity'

FACT:

Herd immunity happens when majority of population has had COVID-19. The UK population is 68 million, so many people would die before herd immunity was reached. Having the vaccine when offered is the best way to protect yourself and others around you.

**MYTH:**

'The vaccine causes infertility'

FACT:

The vaccines cannot make you infertile it simply acts as a messenger teaching your body how to create antibodies in case you encounter the COVID-19 infection at a later date.



MYTHS & FACTS

Fake news, articles on Facebook, clickbait stories - we have seen it all when it comes to sharing information about COVID-19 and the vaccine, but just how much do you know about the vaccine?

Take a look at some of the most popular and frequent myths we have seen circulated in the media and get educated on the real facts!