

What is Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus (also named Covid-19 or COVID-19) is a new illness that has been circulating for over a year now. It has caused major disruption worldwide.

Most people will get better from Coronavirus at home with rest,

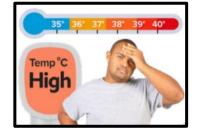


but for some people it can be very serious and cause severe illness or even death.





A new cough and you keep on coughing



A high temperature





Your smell or taste going away or changing

If you have any of the symptoms above, stay where you are living and do not go out in public.

Phone 119 or visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test.





We all must prevent the spread of coronavirus by covering our faces when we move around, keeping a distance from others, and washing our hands regularly.



The good news is that there is now a vaccine to protect you from Coronavirus.

It is your choice whether to have the vaccine, but it is highly recommended. More information about the vaccine is on the other side of this page.



About the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine

The Coronavirus vaccine is an injection



You will need 2 injections of the vaccine, which will be 3 to 12 weeks apart



The vaccine has been tested to make sure it is safe



The coronavirus vaccine does not contain any animal products.



By getting the vaccine, you protect yourself from Coronavirus.

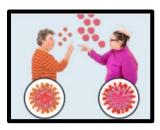
The vaccine can't give you Coronavirus



Having the vaccine makes you less likely to get very ill from Coronavirus



We do not yet know whether it will stop you from catching and passing on the virus



The vaccine cannot give you Coronavirus, but it is likely to give you a sore arm. It is normal for you to feel unwell, as though you have a cold, for 1-2 days after the injection. This means the vaccine is teaching your body to fight coronavirus.

The vaccine will not give you protection straight away. It takes several weeks to begin working. You need to have both doses of the vaccine to get the best protection.

But you must still be safe as well, after getting the vaccine please continue to:



Stay away from other people (social distancing)



Wear a face mask



Wash your hands carefully and often