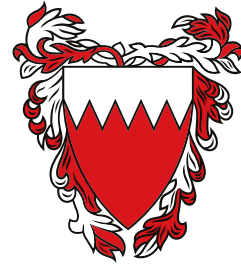
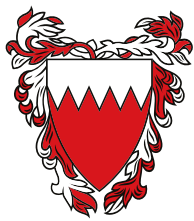


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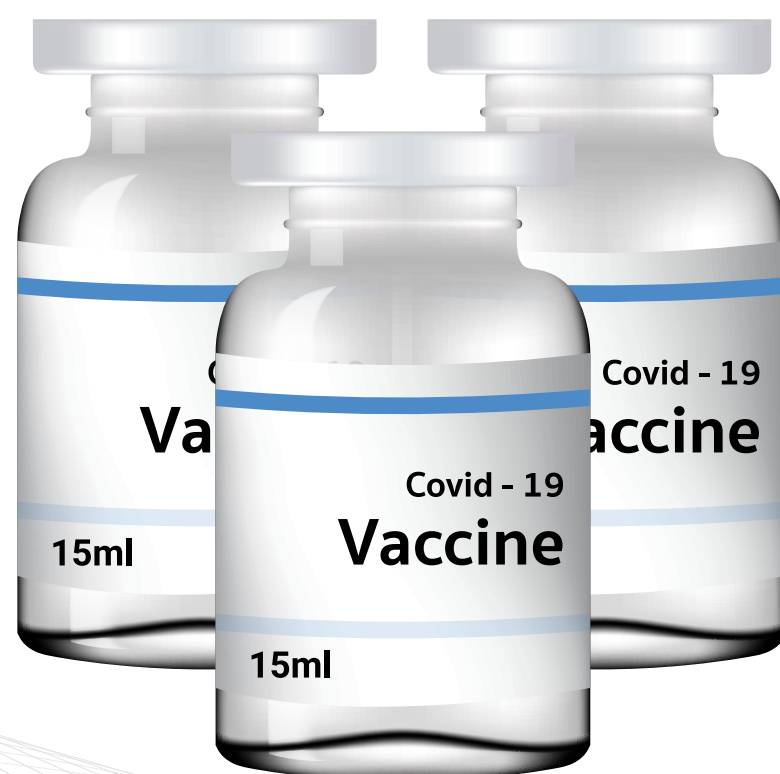
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# FAQ about Vaccines



# How do vaccines work?

- ◆ Vaccines increase the levels antibodies against bacteria and viruses, which triggers an immune response within the body against diseases.



# Why should I get vaccinated?



- ◆ **Vaccines** are one of the most important preventive measures **to prevent** the spread of infectious diseases. They protect oneself and the community and **reduces viral transmission** rates as well as deaths associated with the virus. Being up to date with recommended vaccinations increases herd immunity rates and protects the vulnerable population.

# Are vaccines safe and effective?

- ◆ Vaccines are generally safe, and their benefits outweigh their risks. Vaccines undergo several clinical trials during which time the **safety and efficacy** of the **vaccine** is assessed.



# Was the manufacturing process expedited?

- ◆ **No**, the production process wasn't expedited; however, international cooperation and advancements in technology has allowed scientists to work at a more efficient speed, which allowed for the viral genetic code to be published in January. Furthermore, **many countries** have manufactured vaccines via both traditional and new methods, all within the generally **accepted scientific requirements**.



# What are common side effects of the COVID19- vaccine?

- ◆ Some local side effects may occur at the injection site, such as **pain and swelling**. Moreover, there may be further general symptoms, including **headaches, nausea, and slight fever**.



# How one must deal with these symptoms?

- ◆ **Side effects** are dealt with when they occur **depending on** their **type and severity**. Painkillers may be used for simple symptoms **like pain** at the **site of injection or headaches**, **while medical** advice should be sought for moderate or severe symptoms.



# Are there any tips I should know before getting vaccinated?



- ◆ Individuals wishing to get vaccinated should not have symptoms related to the COVID-19, and should not have allergies to any of the vaccine's components.
- ◆ Women should not be pregnant, or planning on getting pregnant, or be breastfeeding at the time of vaccination. Contraceptives should be used for at least three months after taking the vaccine.

# How are the vaccines administered and what are the number of doses?

◆ The vaccine is administered via injection into the arm's muscle in two doses that are 21 days apart.

## Who is allowed to receive the vaccine?

◆ The (Covid-19) vaccine is given to adults aged 18 years and above.

# Can people who recovered from COVID-19 get vaccinated?

- ◆ Yes, however, a person who already had active COVID-19, should receive the vaccine 90 days after the infection. Health workers on the front lines and other vulnerable individuals, can receive the vaccine regardless of their immunity level.



# Can you still contract & transmit COVID-19 after getting vaccinated?

- ◆ The immune response varies between people. Some people may not have sufficient immunity to protect them from being infected with the virus, but getting vaccinated may protect them from moderate and severe symptoms.



# How to register for the vaccination?

- ◆ For those willing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please register online via the Ministry of Health's website on

[healthalert.gov.bh](https://healthalert.gov.bh)

