



COVID-19 VACCINES FACT SHEET



HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE WORK?

Vaccines teach our bodies to make a harmless piece of the virus that triggers an immune response. That immune response then protects us if we ever get the real virus. The vaccine does not contain the virus, so it can't give you COVID-19.

WHY SHOULD I GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19?

VACCINES WORK

Vaccination is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

VACCINES SAVE LIVES

Vaccines protect people against serious diseases like COVID-19. In fact, did you know that vaccines have saved more lives in Canada than any other medical intervention in the past 50 years?

VACCINES ARE SAFE

Here in Canada, before any vaccine is approved, it is carefully reviewed and studied by Health Canada to make sure that it is safe for people and that it is effective at fighting off the virus.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY BY GETTING VACCINATED

Ottawa Public Health and the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health recommend that you get the COVID-19 vaccine. It's the best way to protect you, your loved ones and Elders in our community.

It's possible that vaccinated people could still pass along the virus to others. So, even if you get vaccinated, please continue to:

- Limit close contact to those within your household
- Practice physical distancing
- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands

**Let's keep each other safe,
Be COVID Wise.**