Covid-19 Vaccination

What is Covid-19?

It is a disease caused by a member of the Corona Virus family.
This specific Virus first appeared in late 2019 in China & quickly spread across the whole world.

Are there other Corona Viruses and do they cause any diseases?

There are hundreds of Corona viruses.
Four that cause diseases are: Common Cold, SARS - Epidemic in 2002, MERS- Epidemic in 2012 & Covid-19.

What is the Covid Vaccine?

These are injections that help the body fight the Covid virus infection & protects you from getting the infection.
Can also significantly reduce the effect of this Viral disease if you get exposed to it.
So it protects you.

What does the Covid Vaccine contain?

Covid vaccine contains some genetic material from the virus.
It does **NOT** contain any live virus.

Can the Covid vaccine give me the Covid infection?

Answer is NO
The reason why this is so as the Vaccine contains **NO Live Virus** at all.
It also does NOT lead to the body making any live virus.

What are the Side effects of the Covid vaccination?

It is usually **mild** & occurs after the second dose.
Pain over injection site
Fever
Headaches
Pain over joints
Tiredness
Lasts for no more than one to two days
Very Rarely (Eleven events in One Million) an allergic reaction can occur especially in people who have a history of allergy.
Such people should contact their GP who can then advise.

Why should I get the Covid vaccination?

Getting the Covid vaccination significantly lowers your chances of getting seriously ill.
It not only protects you but also your near & dear ones.
When a lot of people have had the Covid vaccination then there develops what is known as **"Herd Immunity".**
This stops the virus from spreading.
You can then with time get back to leading a Normal life.

How do I know the Vaccine is safe as it has been developed so quickly?

The reason the Covid vaccine has been developed so quickly is because **scientists have been working on the Corona Virus for 50 years.**
They knew the **genetic structure of Covid-19 within 10 days of the first case appearing** in China.
The delay in vaccine development happens due to lack of funds (**You need about 70 Million Dollars)**
& availability of volunteers to do the trial on.
In this Global Pandemic **money** from the Various Governments & the Private sector has **poured in (8 Billion Dollars)**
Because of the **hundreds of thousands of volunteers who have come forward** the trial has progressed at breakneck speed.

Can I stop social distancing etc after I have had my jab?

NO not Yet!
It takes weeks for the vaccine to take effect with the maximal effect occurring after the second dose.
So **social distancing, Face masks & hand washing should continue for the moment**.

Who are most at risk from Covid-19?

Elderly
People with medical health conditions
BAME group (Black / Asian / Ethnic Minority)
Morbidly Obese

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Do definitely take the Vaccine when offered to you.
This will not only protect you but also your near & dear ones.
Keep on with Social distancing & Mask wearing & Hand washing.
This is the **ONLY** way we will all together get back to a **NORMAL LIFE**!!