



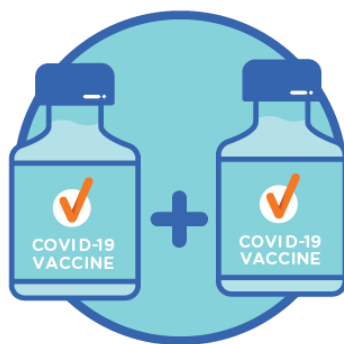
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Giving your consent

When you go to your COVID-19 vaccination appointment, the person doing your vaccination will ask you for your **consent**.

When you give your consent, you are saying **it is ok** for someone to do the agreed action.



At your appointment they will ask you for your consent to have your:

- first COVID-19 vaccine today
- second COVID-19 vaccine later.



You can choose to have the vaccine.
You can also choose not to have the vaccine if you don't want to.

Why do they need your consent?



The person giving you the COVID-19 vaccine must ask you for consent before they do this.

They need to tell you:

- why you should get the vaccine
- why it's safe
- what will happen when you have it.

They might give you an information sheet to read. They can answer any questions you have about the COVID-19 vaccination.

You can talk to your doctor before you decide if you will have a COVID-19 vaccine.

You might want to ask your doctor questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, such as:

- how it might affect any health problems you might have
- if there are any risks for you
- what ingredients are used in the vaccine.





You can also talk to the person doing your vaccination if you have any questions, such as:

- what will happen when I get the vaccine?
- why do I need it?
- how will I feel after I have it?
- what could go wrong?
- what will happen if I say no?

How do you give consent?



You can give your consent in different ways. You can:

- say 'Yes' or 'No'
- use sign language
- use pictures.



You can also sign a consent form.



You can bring someone you trust with you when you have the vaccine.

More information



Have a yarn with your healthcare worker.



You can visit the Department of Health website at www.health.gov.au for more information about the vaccine.



You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on **1800 020 080**.