

Consent to Covid-19 vaccination

Covid -19 vaccinations are medicines that boost your immunity and prevent moderate to severe disease caused by the Covid 19 virus.

You will receive either the Pfizer/Biontek vaccine (Cominarty), or the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine. You will receive 2 doses 4 weeks apart. Full protection 1 to 2 weeks after 2nd dose.

These vaccines have been shown to prevent moderate to severe Covid-19 symptoms in over 90% of people vaccinated. It remains unclear how long the immunity conferred from these vaccines will last.

The benefit to you is as follows: **even if you should contract Covid-19 infection you are protected from the more severe symptoms that can be serious and necessitate admission to hospital.**

These vaccinations are new but to date have been given to many millions of people worldwide.

Generally, they are very well tolerated but there are several sides effects to the vaccination that have been noted and that you should be aware of when consenting to receive this vaccination.

Common side effects noted in more than 1/10 people are: soreness of arm, general fatigue, headache and fever >38 degrees for a couple of days. **Less commonly** you may note redness, itch or inflammation at the vaccine site, swollen glands under the arm or in the neck, abdominal pain and nausea or vomiting. **Very rarely** it has been noted to cause a severe allergic reaction/anaphylaxis (approx. 4/million doses given and we are prepared in the practice to manage this rare occurrence), or a paralysis of the face called Bell's palsy (v Rare).

Side effects may last a few days. If they persist for longer please contact us.

Given this information do you consent to receiving Covid-19 vaccination?

Yes:

No:

I will record your consent in your medical record.

For further information feel free to look on **HSE.ie Information for patients on covid-19 vaccination.**

Please inform us if you feel you experience any side effect after your vaccination.

Once you have read this document please schedule your vaccination appointment here:
<https://calendly.com/owenabuemedicalcentre/appointment>