

# # Empower

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## To vaccinate or not?

### Each person has a choice to vaccinate against COVID-19 or not

While almost all scientists agree that COVID-19 vaccinations are safe and beneficial, there are still people around the world who do not want to take the vaccine. According to SA COVID-19 and Vaccine Listening Report of 24 May 2021, research shows that in South Africa, around 70% of our population agree to be vaccinated. But other people are hesitant. Their reasons vary, inter alia, from varying kinds of distrust (27%), vaccine ineffectiveness (19%), conspiracy concerns (10%), side effects (9%), cost issues (9%) and lack of information (8%).

### DON'T IGNORE THE FOLLOWING



Vaccines are very safe and typically only have minor side effects, similar to the flu vaccine, which should go away in a day or two. Minor side effects are actually a sign to know that your body is producing antibodies!



Countries like Great Britain and Israel who have had a high percentage of their population vaccinated, report that hospitalisations due to COVID-19 have drastically declined.



In SA roughly 20m people have been vaccinated. Nobody who passed away from this group had "COVID-19 vaccination" on their death certificate.



Insurers in South Africa and around the world are beginning to charge more for life cover if you are not vaccinated - applying risk principles associated with non-vaccination.



Vaccines have saved the world from polio and the pocks. This is nothing different from the current situation where vaccination is required to contain the virus. Stop fearing COVID-19 and regain your freedom.



The virus can still be transmitted and infect you even if you are vaccinated, **but** it will be substantially less serious and drastically lower your chances of ending up in the hospital or result in death.



According to Dr Rust Theron, specialist physician at Durbanville Mediclinic, 1500 COVID-19 patients were admitted at this hospital during the last wave. Roughly 200 patients of whom only 1 was vaccinated (a person with a number of co-morbidities), lost their lives. These statistics speak for themselves.



Numerous church leaders support vaccinations and state that it cannot be linked to demons or any other wrongdoing against the beliefs of religions.



J&J vaccination is old technology, similar to the ones developed for influenza and therefore nothing to fear. Pfizer vaccine technology, is new and revolutionary, but probably the future of all types of vaccines.



Pharmaceutical companies will not link their name, reputation and financial risks associated with class action claims by being involved with the development of potentially harmful drugs.



Discovery Health recently published the results of research based upon their experience of the over 3.5 million members administered by them. Vaccination is the best chance of minimising risks.



Further booster vaccines may be required as the immunity from the current vaccine fades and new strains might emerge.

**Tips**

Find more detail and debunking some of the myths on <https://www.sanlam.co.za/vaccination/Pages/default.aspx>