



# Vax Facts

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So far, over 10 million\* people around the world have died from COVID-19.

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As well as being deadly and highly contagious, the virus can have serious long-term side effects called long COVID.

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Without the vaccine, almost everyone will get the virus.

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Those infected without being vaccinated are at least 20 times more likely to get dangerously ill. This is even higher for Māori and Pacific peoples.

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The vaccine is cleared from the body within a few days, leaving the body's defences strengthened to fight COVID-19.

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If vaccinated, you are less likely to spread the virus to your whānau, friends, and workmates.

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The vaccine is Medsafe approved and safer than either the contraceptive pill or common pain relief such as paracetamol.

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