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**Enclosure(s)**  
Information about vaccination  
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Health statement

RE: your invitation for COVID-19 vaccination

Dear <<Mr/Ms>> <<LastName>>>,

A COVID-19 vaccine is available for you. You can make an appointment now. This letter explains how to make an appointment. It is up to you to decide if you want to get vaccinated. It is free.  
Have you already had a COVID-19 vaccination? Then you can throw this letter away.

### There are 2 ways to make an appointment

<p><b>1. By computer (24 hours a day)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Go to: <a href="http://www.coronavaccinatie-afspraak.nl">www.coronavaccinatie-afspraak.nl</a></li><li>- Sign in with your DigiD.</li><li>- Answer questions about your health.</li><li>- Choose a location, date and time.</li><li>- You will receive an email with the details of your appointment.</li></ul>	<p><b>2. By phone (from 8:00 to 20:00)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Look up your citizen service number (BSN). This number is in your passport, on your ID card and on your driving licence.</li><li>- Call the number in your invitation (local calling costs apply).</li><li>- Answer questions about your health.</li><li>- Set a date and time.</li><li>- You will receive an email with the details of your appointment or, if you do not have a computer, you can write the information down on paper.</li></ul>
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Make an appointment right away, so you will know when it is your turn. If you are ill, or are going to have an operation within 2 days, you must wait until you are better before making an appointment.

### Questions about your health

When you make an appointment, we ask you questions about your health. A list of questions is also enclosed with this letter. Complete the list at home, and take it along to your appointment.

**Where will you be vaccinated?**

You will be vaccinated by the Municipal Public Health Services (GGD).  
When you make the appointment, you will hear where to go.

**How many vaccinations?**

You will get 1 or 2 jabs. That depends on which vaccine you will receive.  
When you make the appointment, the first and the second vaccination will be planned.

If you had COVID-19 within the past 6 months, then you will only get 1 jab. Mention this when you make your appointment.

**Important to remember for your appointment**

- Wear a face mask.
- Wear clothes that make it easy to uncover your upper arm.
- Bring along the completed list of questions.
- Bring along your ID. (passport, driving licence or ID card)
- Come alone if you can. If you need help, you may bring someone with you.

**More information?**

More information about the vaccination and the side-effects is enclosed with this letter.

Or go to the website at [www.coronavaccinatie.nl/translations](http://www.coronavaccinatie.nl/translations).

You can also telephone 0800-1351 (local calling costs apply).

Kind regards,



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# Information about the vaccination against COVID-19



## Why get a jab against COVID-19?

Some people become very ill from COVID-19. They get a high fever and have difficulty breathing. They often need to go to hospital. They may also keep feeling tired for a very long time.

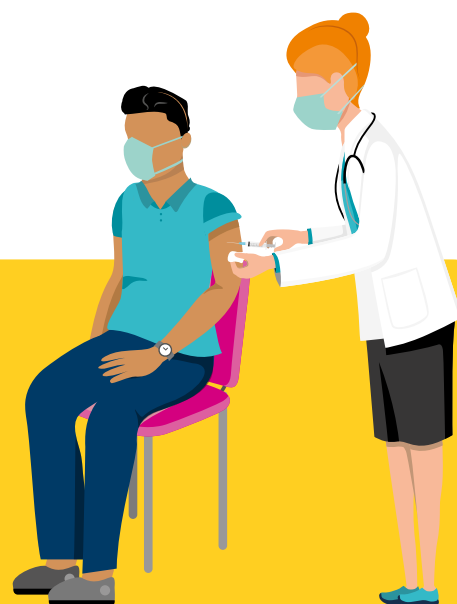


## What does the vaccine do?

The vaccine protects you from the coronavirus. The vaccination causes you to make antibodies against the virus. This helps your body recognise the virus after vaccination. Then your body can kill the virus quickly. You will be less seriously ill, or you will not become ill at all.

### 1 or 2 vaccinations

You will get 1 or 2 vaccinations. That depends on which type of vaccine you receive. If you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, you will also get 1 vaccination. You will get the jabs in your upper arm.



## Side-effects

Like other vaccines, this jab may cause some symptoms after the injection.

- Pain at the injection site
- Headache
- Tiredness
- Muscle aches
- Fever

These symptoms usually last for 1 to 3 days. These side-effects mean that your body is making COVID-19 antibodies.

If you have a lot of symptoms, call your doctor.



## Are you pregnant?

Then you can be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. If you are pregnant, you have a higher risk of becoming seriously ill if you get COVID-19.

The vaccine is safe for you and for your unborn child. Call your GP or midwife for advice if you have questions.



## Information about the vaccine

See [www.rivm.nl/en/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.rivm.nl/en/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccines) for information about the different vaccines.

## **Your personal data and RIVM**

RIVM keeps track of which people receive which vaccinations. If you agree to this, RIVM will receive information about your vaccination.

That is important, because:

- RIVM will know how many people received a vaccination.
- The more people who have been vaccinated, the less the virus will be able to spread and make people ill.
- RIVM is also researching how long the vaccine works and how well it works.  
If RIVM has your details, they can contact you if there is new information about side-effects.

## **What does RIVM want to know about you?**

- Your date of birth
- Your citizen service number (BSN)
- Your first and last name
- Your address
- The date and location of your vaccination
- The name of the vaccine and the batch ID

## **What should you do?**

If you use your computer to make an appointment, you will be asked if you give us permission to retain your data. You can select yes or no.

If you call to make the appointment, we will ask you this question.

Even if you do not want RIVM to retain your data, you will still receive your vaccination.

## **How long your data is retained**

RIVM will retain your data for 20 years. This is specified by law. Only people who are implementing the vaccination programme can view your data. Researchers will also be able to view some data, but only anonymously. That means they will not see any of your personal data.

You can also state later that you do not want RIVM to retain your data. Go to [mijn.rivm.nl/vaccinaties](https://mijn.rivm.nl/vaccinaties). You will need your DigiD.

## **More information**

If you would like to know more about data usage and safety, go to [coronavaccinatie.nl/translations](https://coronavaccinatie.nl/translations).