



COVID-19 Vaccines

Mythbusters

The COVID-19 vaccine is killing Aboriginal people or making them sick.

Some people may experience side effects after vaccination such as tiredness, muscle soreness and redness around the injection site and mild fever. This is normal for any vaccine. Serious reactions from the vaccine are extremely rare, and no Aboriginal people have died from the COVID vaccine.

The vaccine will poison our children.

In Australia, all vaccines are thoroughly tested before they are made available to the community and the many benefits of vaccination outweighs the risks for all children and adolescents aged 12 years and older. Billions of people have already been safely vaccinated around the world. It's important to be vaccinated to protect our children from COVID-19, which spreads quickly.

The vaccine implants a microchip in me that will track our movements.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain a tracking microchip. Microchips are too large to be administered through needle injection.

Only white people get COVID-19.

No, all humans can get COVID-19 and our people can get sick from the virus just like anyone else. People who already have health issues can get seriously ill.

Outbreaks around the country have showed how quickly the virus can spread through our communities. In Wilcannia in NSW this year, 20% of the town's population got COVID-19, most of whom were Aboriginal.

Only old people get sick from COVID-19.

The elderly and people with medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes are most at risk, but young people can also get very sick and die from COVID-19.

Everyone getting vaccinated will help to protect those most at risk from COVID-19.

The vaccine changes your DNA.

The vaccine does not change your DNA. While mRNA does transmit information to the body in the cells, it does not go near the cell's nucleus, which is where DNA is located.



Women who are breastfeeding, pregnant or planning a pregnancy should not get vaccinated.

It is especially important that these women get vaccinated.

Pregnant women have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and their babies have a higher risk of being born prematurely. There is also no evidence that people who are trying to get pregnant have any safety concerns.

The COVID-19 vaccine makes you infertile.

There is no evidence whatsoever that any of the antibodies that are produced to help your body fight the infection as a result of the vaccine, have any impact on the development of the placental or on your capacity to get pregnant or be fertile.

The vaccine was created from foetal tissue.

There is no actual foetal tissue present in COVID-19 vaccines.

Medical Researchers who are developing vaccines sometimes use foetal cell lines that are grown in a laboratory on aborted foetal cells, to test vaccines.

The COVID-19 vaccines were made too quickly to be safe.

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines have been able to be developed faster than any other vaccine for several reasons:

- a level of funding and commitment not seen before,
- the availability of new technologies, and
- researchers and developers around the world working together.

You can still get COVID-19 after you have had the vaccine, so there's no point.

It is possible to still get COVID-19 even if you have had a double dose of the vaccine, but the vaccine stops you from getting so sick that you need to go to hospital.

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