

C  VID-19  
VACCINES

**Over the past 12 months, scientists from around the world have been working together to develop a vaccine to prevent the spread and protect people from COVID-19.**



# The vaccines work by stimulating your immune system to recognise the virus.

Once you are vaccinated, if you are exposed to the virus your immune system recognises it and destroys it before it can make you sick.



**The current vaccines require you to have 2 injections 3-12 weeks apart.**

**It works best if you have both injections.**

**The vaccine stops you getting sick from COVID-19 and stops you from spreading COVID-19 to others.**



# Who gets COVID-19?



**Anyone can get sick with COVID-19 and often it is healthy adults who develop severe symptoms that can be life threatening.**

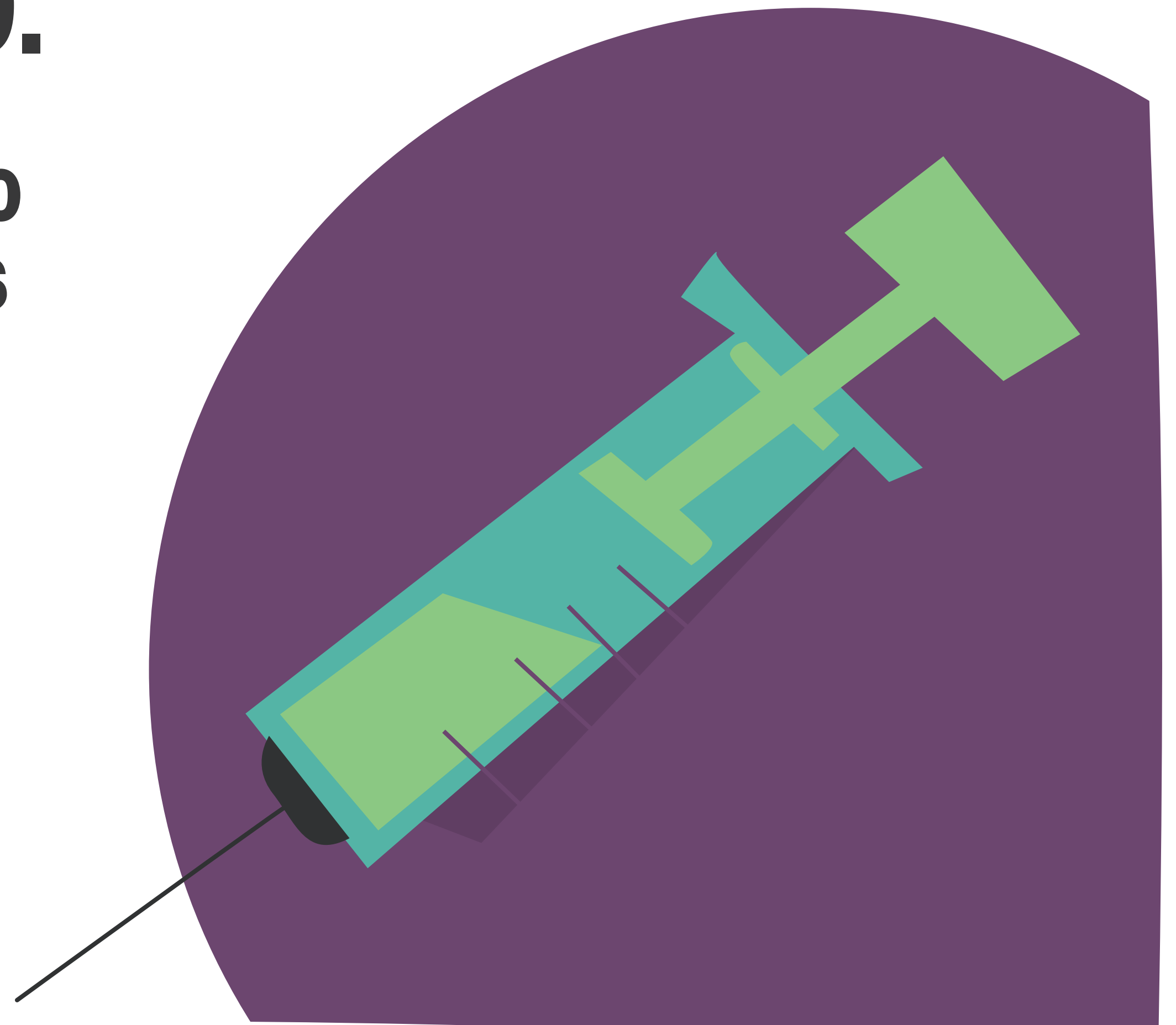
# VACCINE ROLL OUT

**The vaccine will be given first to people who are at greatest risk of being infected by COVID-19.**

**This includes people working to protect us all – doctors, nurses and other health care workers.**

**It will then be given to the elderly and people who are most at risk to severe illness.**

**And then to everyone else.**



# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO BE VACCINATED?



**Only when everyone is vaccinated can we  
stop the spread of COVID-19**



# **SIDE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

**By the end of March 2021 over 800 million people around the world have received a COVID-19 Vaccine. In all these people there have been only a few side effects recorded.**



**In countries where the COVID-19 vaccine has been rolled out the numbers of COVID-19 infections and people dying has decreased dramatically.**



# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO BE VACCINATED?

**COVID-19 infection can happen to anyone.**

**COVID-19 infections can cause death.**



**Until everyone is vaccinated PNG will continue to have outbreaks that lead to travel restrictions, lock downs and closures of businesses, schools and workplaces.**

# SO BE VACCINATED AND BE SAFE

**Vaccination protects you, your family and your community.**



# FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COVID-19

COVID-19 hotline **1800200** or **71441385**  
(24 hours hotline)

PNG online COVID-19 portal  
**COVID19.info.gov.pg**

PNG NDoH Facebook page  
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