

## MYTHBUSTERS

### Fact or fiction?

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH KNOWS THAT PEOPLE MAY HAVE FEARS ABOUT THE VACCINE.

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**Q:** Wasn't this vaccine developed too fast?

**A:** No. The global pandemic pushed scientists, researchers and governments to work very quickly for the public good. It was an unprecedented team effort.

**Q:** I've heard that this vaccine hasn't been tested properly – unlike other vaccines?

**A:** The various COVID-19 vaccines have had to pass all the same tests as other vaccines.

**Q:** Does it contain a microchip that can track you or control your brain?

**A:** No. Government has found no evidence of microchips in the vaccines being used in South Africa.

**Q:** Will this vaccine change my DNA?

**A:** No, the vaccine is designed to help you fight the virus and cannot change your body or personality.

**Q:** Is this vaccine satanic or bewitched?

**A:** No, it does not contain spells, spirits or demons.

**Q:** Is it true that the vaccine is a plot by Western countries to oppress Africa?

**A:** No. African scientists, governments and researchers were also involved in the development of this vaccine.

**Q:** Why did some Western countries start using the vaccine before us?

**A:** The vaccine roll-out is our biggest medical event in living history. Government had to choose the right vaccine based on safety, efficacy, ease of use, storage, distribution, supply sustainability and cost.

