

# VAX FAX

## HOW THE VACCINE WORKS

Questions and concerns? We've got you covered.

### Did you know?

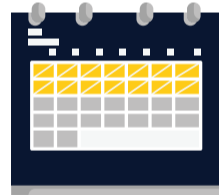
You will only be given the vaccine if your healthcare worker says that it is **SAFE** for you to take it. The vaccine is **SAFE** for most people. You will be asked some questions first, to make sure that you are healthy enough.

### Getting the vaccine

- + **Nelson Mandela University** staff and students may receive their vaccines at the COVID-19 screening centre
- + **Members of the public** will receive their vaccines at hospitals, clinics, pharmacies or doctor's surgeries
- + **Only trained healthcare professionals** will administer the vaccine.



Vaccine given as injection in arm



A single injection or two (several weeks apart), depending on which vaccine



Your healthcare professional will contact you about your second injection, if applicable



**After the injection:** you may have a sore arm, be tired, have a headache or feel hot



This means that the vaccine is working!



Symptoms should disappear within a few days.

## Why do some vaccines require a second injection?

It may take time for the body to **build up sufficient antibodies** and 'memory cells' to help it remember the disease in the future. This gives the body the **weapons** it needs to fight the enemy – COVID-19.