

Have a chat about the vaccine

How to start a conversation about COVID-19 vaccines



Listen

Listen to those who have questions and acknowledge how they're feeling. Remember you don't have to agree – and you shouldn't agree with any false information.

For example: “It’s okay to have questions, or want more information before getting a COVID-19 vaccine” or “How are you feeling about getting a COVID-19 vaccine?”

Ask questions

Try and ask open-ended questions where you will get an answer other than yes or no. This can help the other person work through their thoughts and it will help you understand what they might be worried about.

Try to avoid things like, “That’s silly” or “Why would you be worried about that?”

For example: “What have you heard about COVID-19 vaccines?” or “Why do you feel that way?”

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“I do have some concerns I want to chat about.”



“It makes sense to have questions.”

Provide trusted information

The most important thing is to replace the misinformation with correct information. Ask them what's making them hesitant and show respect for their feelings.

Explain why you want to get vaccinated yourself and how you came to this decision.

Check in

Remember that for many people, their opinion will not likely change in one conversation.

It's important to maintain a connection and be available to answer any ongoing questions.

Vaccines have been used for over 200 years

There are different types of vaccines for different illnesses. Some vaccines you might know are for the flu, measles, chickenpox, polio, tetanus, and whooping cough.

Approvals for COVID-19 vaccines have followed the same strict Therapeutic Goods Administration approval process.

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- **Listen & acknowledge concerns**
 - **Provide trusted information**
 - **Try not to judge**
 - **Share your reasons for getting the vaccine**
 - **Check in & continue conversation**

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