



VACCINES

Vaccines help our immune system recognize and stop part of the virus that causes COVID-19, preventing its multiplication within our body.

Several types of vaccines have been authorized in Europe: even though they work differently, they will all help you protect yourself!

WHY ARE VACCINES IMPORTANT?

- Because they prevent severe forms of the disease
- Because every person present in Italy is entitled to vaccines and they are free of charge
- Because, **although vaccines are not mandatory, they are necessary to protect the population**

HOW ARE VACCINES ADMINISTERED?

Most vaccines are administered in 2 doses, spaced several weeks apart. To ensure full protection, both doses are required!

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE VACCINE?

Right after vaccination, you will be asked to wait for 15-30 minutes to detect possible immediate reactions.

During the days following vaccination, it is normal to experience some side effects: it means that your immune system is working well.

The most common side effects are mild and disappear after 1 day or 2: redness and/or pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, fever.

If these symptoms persist longer than 3 days or if you experience unexpected side effects, contact your family doctor or the Local Health Authority (AUSL).

In case of emergency, call 118 or go to the ER.

IS PROTECTION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INJECTION?

No: full vaccine effectiveness is reached 2 weeks after the second shot (for vaccines that require 2 doses) or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO AFTER BEING VACCINATED?

You should continue to respect protection measures against COVID-19:

- properly wear a face mask in compliance with national provisions
- keep a distance of at least 1 mt from other people
- avoid large gatherings and wash your hands frequently with soap and water or with hydroalcoholic solution.

Thank you for getting vaccinated,
protect yourself and all of us!


