The Solidarity Trial Vaccines (STV)

Millions of people have already died from COVID-19 across the world. The disease has had a devastating impact on our lives in ways many of us have never experienced before.

That is why the World Health Organization (WHO) is coordinating what could be the largest international study of vaccines to help prevent COVID-19.

All the vaccines in this trial have been reviewed by leading scientific experts after studies conducted in animals and humans showed their potential to be safe and effective.

Now the vaccines need to be tested in much larger populations.

This leaflet is the first part of the information you will receive as you consider participating in the Solidarity Trial Vaccines (STV).

What will I need to do during the study?

Read this leaflet and other information provided
Do write down and ask any questions you have as a study team member will happy to answer them.

Sign a consent form
confirming you understand the purpose of the trial and agree to take part.

Receive one of the trial vaccines or a comparison
The comparison will either be a harmless substance like water (a placebo) or an approved vaccine already available nationally. In most places, this will happen at a mobile 'pop-up' vaccination centre or in a hospital/healthcare facility.

Be contacted by researchers regularly to assess your health after you are first vaccinated. This will happen for one year.

If you have potential symptoms of COVID-19 such as a high temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell, please contact the research team. You will need to have a simple swab test of your nose and mouth to confirm whether you have the virus. The team will help you if you need medical attention.

By taking part in this trial, you can help identify vaccines that could protect you, your loved ones, and millions of people across the world from COVID-19.

Questions and answers

Do the vaccines have any known side-effects?
All vaccines can have some, often mild, side-effects in some people. Full details can be found in the information sheet you will receive with the consent form.

Can I withdraw from the study?
Yes, you can withdraw at any time without giving a reason – just talk to a member of the study team.

Who knows that I am taking part in the research? Where is this information held?
Your information will be held securely by the organisation running the trial. It is confidential, so only certain people will have access to it. Your data will not be shared with any other organisations outside the global research study.

What happens if I feel unwell?
If you feel unwell at any stage, please report it to a member of the study team.

How many doses of the vaccine will I receive?
This varies. Most are just one or two doses.

Apart from the vaccination itself will I have any other routine tests during the study?
A small number of participants may have a blood sample taken before vaccination and at different time intervals afterwards. This will help researchers understand a number of issues - including how your body is reacting to the vaccination. If you have any possible COVID-19 symptoms, you will need to have a test.

Which vaccines are being tested?
The most promising vaccines, based on current evidence, will be tested initially. More may be added as the trial progresses based on new evidence and expert recommendations.
How do I apply to take part in the study?

You can apply to take part in the study if you:

- **Are an adult aged 16 years or over**

- **Have NOT received a COVID-19 vaccine before**

- **Live in an area where there are high levels of COVID-19**
  (a study representative will check this for you when you apply)

Please contact the research team to see if you are eligible to take part (their details are on the back page).

Contact details

The research team in your area is:
(organisation and email)

The names of your research team contact is:
(name)

Their contact details are (telephone number)
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