WHY BE VACCINATED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS?

OBJECTIVE
The main reason for vaccinating is to prevent the disease and to reduce its severity and mortality.

HOW DOES THE VACCINE WORK?
The vaccine helps our immune system to detect the virus and to produce antibodies to defend against it.

WHO DOES IT PROTECT?
You and the people around you. Everybody is vital in the chain of survival.

ARE THEY SAFE AND EFFECTIVE?
- They are just as safe as any other vaccine.
- They have been tested, studied and are subject to the same control procedures as all other vaccines.
- The development times have been shortened through a huge international effort:
  - More resources (human, material, economic...).
  - Manufacture at the same time as research.
  - Simultaneous clinical trial phases.
  - Respect for assessment and validation processes.

VACCINE TYPES
Different technologies with the same goal:
- With live, attenuated or weakened forms of the virus. e.g. MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella), BCG (tuberculosis), Polio (OVP).
- With inactivated virus. e.g. Polio.
- Based on virus components. e.g. hepatitis B, hepatitis A, flu.
- With messenger RNA (designed using genetic engineering). More novel technology based on multiple tests and studies.

FOR ME, FOR YOU, FOR EVERYBODY ELSE... I’M HAVING MY JAB