

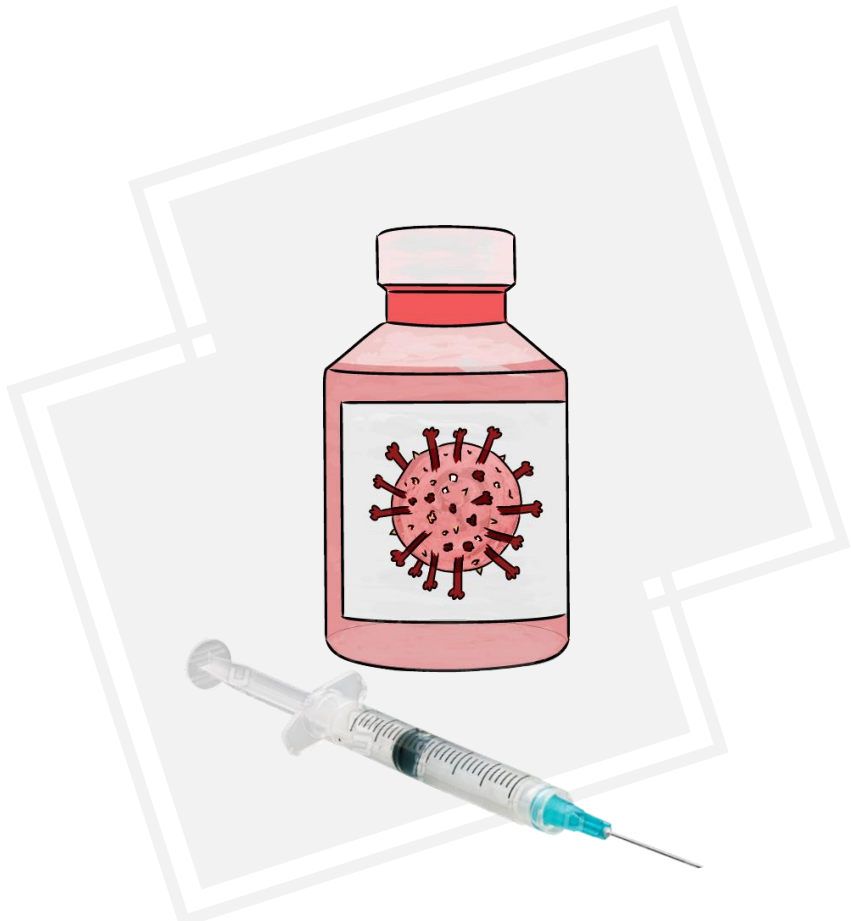
Why should we Get Vaccinated?

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Meet Ram



- From Lala-Land
- Is a religious man
- Does not take his flu-shots
- Believes God will protect him in any kind of situation



- One day at work, feels very exhausted
- Assumes because of work stress and pressure
- Decides to take a rest



- Even after taking a break, situation doesn't improve
- Is more exhausted than before
- Leaves home early



- Believes he'll heal on his own
- Refuses to go to the doctor



- Situation gets worse the next day
- Starts coughing and feels dizzy





- Loses his appetite



- Cough gets even worse



- Gets even sicker over time
- Still refuses to go to the doctor



- Gets very sick and ultimately dies

What if he was vaccinated?

- wouldn't have caught the flu in the first place
- Didn't have to go through all the pains and sufferings
- Would still be alive

Why do people refuse to get vaccine?

- Religious belief
- Concerns for the side-effects
- To avoid painful injections
- Misinformation and lack of knowledge
- Poverty, illiteracy

How do we know that vaccines are safe?

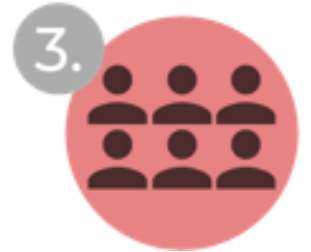
Vaccines go through more testing than any other pharmaceuticals:



Small groups of people receive the trial vaccine



The vaccine is given to specific groups of people (i.e., by age, race, and physical health).



The vaccine is given tens of thousands of people and tested for effectiveness and safety.

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The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices looks at the data to see if the vaccine is safe and works. They give advice to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

5.



The FDA looks at the data and the advice from the Advisory Committee and decides whether to approve the vaccine.

The vaccine is only approved after **all of these steps** are done and various teams of reviewers are sure that it works and is safe.

Actual Pros and Cons of Vaccination

- **Pros**

- **Protects children from:**

- Death
 - Hospitalization
 - Complications
 - Pain and suffering

- **Protects others from:**

- All of the above
 - Loss of work
 - Costs of care

- **Cons**

- ~~Vaccines don't work~~

- **Lots of shots**

- ~~Too many antigens~~

- **Major adverse events**

- ~~Autism~~
 - ~~Brain damage~~
 - ~~Transmit HIV~~

- **Costs of prevention**

“Get Vaccinated to stay healthy
Don't become an endangered species

