



10 Myths About The COVID-19 Vaccine That Are Not True

We have a moral responsibility to make sure everybody gets the COVID-19 vaccine

MYTH 1

COVID-19 VACCINE CAUSES IRREVERSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

TRUTH: No patient had so far suffered from irreversible side effects – in trials or in the population. This myth was spread by the misreading of a presentation which actually said 3000 of those vaccinated suffered with temporary and reversible side effects. All medicines have the potential to cause side effects, but this needs to be weighed up against the harm of the disease they are trying to prevent.

MYTH 2

COVID IS SPREADING IN COUNTRIES WITH 5G NETWORKS

TRUTH: There is no scientific connection. This myth began as the COVID-19 outbreak coincided with 5G being rolled out in Wuhan. It ignores the fact that 5G delivery had started in other areas of China before the COVID outbreak. COVID has also affected countries that do not have 5G.

MYTH 3

DOCTORS WANT TO FORCE PEOPLE TO BE VACCINATED

TRUTH: We want people to make their own minds up based on factual information, not myths. Most countries will rely on education rather than dictation to convince the population. However, it would be irresponsible of us not to highlight areas where we feel people are being misled—sometimes deliberately and dangerously.

MYTH 4

THE COVID VACCINE INGREDIENTS ARE HARAM

TRUTH: The Pfizer-Biontech and Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine contains no animal ingredients at all. Declaring a product Halal or Haram is a call for Islamic scholars who have studied this body of knowledge. The simple presence of a particular ingredient is not the only factor taken into account. Most previous vaccines, including the Pfizer-Biontech and Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine have been declared halal by the majority of scholarly bodies worldwide.



MYTH 5

VACCINES CONTAIN ABORTED FOETAL CELLS

TRUTH: Vaccines do not contain foetal cells. Some vaccines (NOT the Pfizer, Moderna and Oxford/Astrazeneca COVID vaccines) originally used very particular foetal cells to grow the virus many decades ago. The original cells were the only option at the time. These cells are not present in current vaccines and have been declared acceptable to use by the majority of Islamic scholarly bodies worldwide.

MYTH 6

VACCINES ARE BEING USED TO CHIP AND TRACE THE POPULATION

TRUTH: Vaccines do not contain any chips or trackers for surveillance. Independent authorities across the world, from countries that compete with each other have approved the vaccine and not found any microchips. The truth is that there are far easier ways to track the population (mobile phone/Bank cards etc) than biological trackers.

MYTH 7

VACCINES ARE UNSAFE – THAT IS WHY NO PREGNANT WOMEN WERE IN TRIALS

TRUTH: Pregnant women & children are not usually included in initial trials. The current COVID vaccines are not recommended for most children at this stage. The guidance for pregnant women is to make decisions based on risk. This does not mean it is unsafe in these groups. It is reflective of them not being in the main trial groups and a sign of the safety protocols taken.

MYTH 8

THE VACCINES WAS APPROVED TOO QUICKLY TO BE SAFE

TRUTH: The speed of approval was mainly due to cutting red tape rather than cutting corners. There has been unprecedented worldwide scientific collaboration and funding to create the COVID vaccine. This global effort has allowed scientists to work at record speed and complete years of work in months.

MYTH 9

THE VACCINE MAY MODIFY YOUR DNA

TRUTH: There is no way that mRNA can change an individuals DNA. The COVID vaccine uses mRNA technology. The mRNA vaccine teaches our cells to make a protein that triggers a protective immune response. The mRNA is broken down soon after it enters the body, mRNA never enters the nucleus of the cell, where our DNA is stored.

MYTH 10

99.97% RECOVER FROM COVID, BUT 3% GET MAJOR SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE VACCINE

TRUTH: These numbers are false. We should remember that over two million people have died from the virus and millions more are suffering long term complications. The small risk of minimal and often short-term side effects of the vaccine do not outweigh the risk of long-term complications or death from COVID.



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