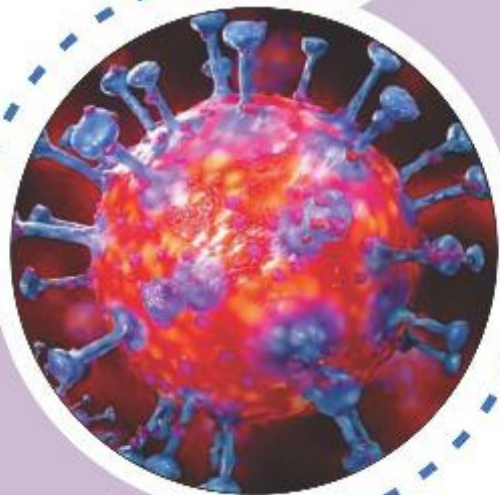


Manufacturing details

India's drug regulator has given the green light to Covishield (the local name for the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine developed in the UK) India is a vaccine powerhouse: it makes 60% of the world's vaccines and is home to half a dozen major manufacturers.



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What is Covishield- AstraZeneca?



The Covishield-AstraZeneca is a vaccine used to protect people age 18 years and older against **COVID-19**. **COVID-19** is caused by a virus called coronavirus (**SARS-CoV-2**).





The Covishield AstraZeneca vaccine stimulates the body's natural defenses (immune system) and causes it to produce its own protection (antibodies) against the virus.

How is the vaccine administered?

The Covishield-AstraZeneca vaccine is injected into a muscle (usually in the upper arm). It is given in two (2) doses. The second dose is given twelve (12) weeks after the first injection.

If you miss your second dose, seek medical advice immediately. It is important that you return for your second dose to complete the full course of vaccination.



Is the Vaccine Safe and Effective?

The Covishield-AstraZeneca vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19. It has an average of about 63% efficacy after the first dose.

Like any other vaccine, it may cause common side effects such as

- tenderness, swelling and/or redness at the injection site
- headache
- muscle ache
- feeling tired
- fever (temperature above 37.8°C).
- nausea/vomiting

Can anyone take the vaccine?

NO

You cannot receive the vaccine if you:

- are less than 18 years.



- have allergies to any component of the vaccine .
- are pregnant.
- are suffering from acute severe febrile illness.
- are participating in a clinical trial of other COVID-19 vaccines.
- have received a dose of COVID-19 or any other vaccine in the past 28 days.
- have completed a course of COVID-19 vaccination.

Should I continue with COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS after receiving the vaccine?

YES

Although taking the vaccine gives protection, you **MUST** continue following the **FACTS**.

- **F** – Face coverings
- **A** – Avoid crowds
- **C** – Clean hands and surfaces regularly
- **T** – Two-metres/six feet physical distance
- **S** – Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms