

Nuvaxovid (Novavax) – another option for COVID-19 vaccination

Novavax is one of the latest vaccines to stop people getting very sick from COVID-19.

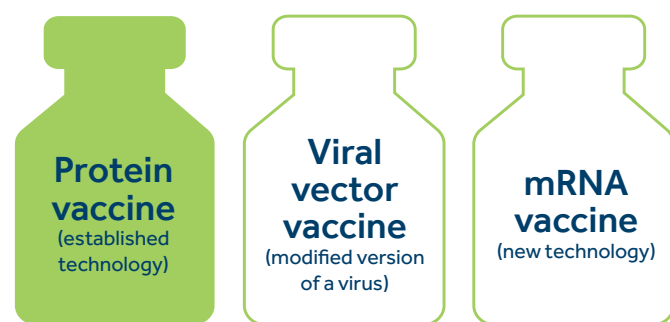
Novavax is different to the other COVID-19 vaccines. It's a protein vaccine. It is made in the same way as older vaccines such as whooping cough and hepatitis B, which are given to babies all around the world.

Why some people prefer Novavax

Some people have been worried about the newer science in mRNA vaccines made by Pfizer (called Cominarty) and Moderna (called Spikevax). Novavax does not contain mRNA.

Other people chose not to have vaccines made using cell lines with very old historical links to an unborn fetus. **Novavax is not made using those cell lines.**

Novavax does not contain any living virus. None of the COVID-19 vaccines can give you the disease.

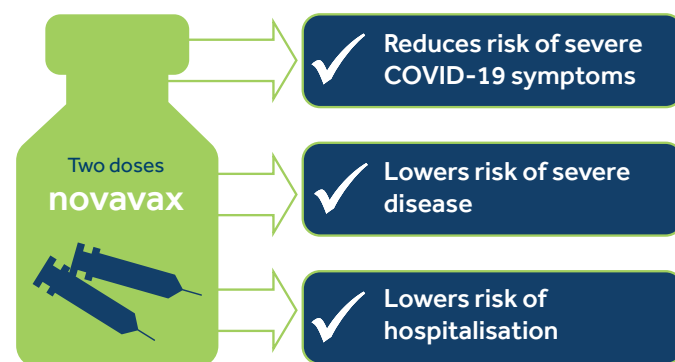


Novavax is a protein-based vaccine, it is not made using human cell lines and does not contain any living virus.

Novavax works

Large studies around the world have shown that two doses of Novavax reduces the risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms and lowers the risk of severe disease and hospitalisation.

Novavax can be used as the initial COVID-19 vaccine, with two doses, eight weeks apart.



Novavax can be used for the third and fourth (booster) doses

People who prefer not to have an mRNA vaccine (such as Pfizer or Moderna) for their third or fourth (booster) doses, can choose to have Novavax. This applies to anyone 12 years and over.

Novavax is safe

Novavax is approved for use in Australia and has been **safely given to thousands of people around the world.**

Like any vaccine, Novavax may have mild short-term side effects. These can include pain at the needle site, tiredness, headache, muscle pain and feeling unwell.

These are common and usually get better in one or two days.