Addressing vaccine myths

What's NOT in the vaccine?
There are no pork products (gelatin), blood products, fetal cells or formaldehyde. It's preservative free. There is no microchip in the vaccine.

Can it change my DNA?
No. The vaccine does not change your DNA. Vaccines work with your body’s natural defences to build protection. They teach your body how to recognize and fight the virus.

Will the province use my information to track me in the future?
Your information is only used to record the second dose and any adverse reaction. The province will not use your information to track you in the future.

How did they develop it so quickly?
The need for the vaccine was urgent. People from around the world worked together. They built on decades of research on viruses like COVID-19 to create the vaccine. Increased funding and fewer delays helped speed the process.
Vaccination provides one more layer of protection against COVID-19.

How do we know it is safe?
Canada has very high standards for vaccine safety. In Ontario, there are 773 adverse event reports after 1.16 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Most reported allergic skin reactions. This included pain/redness/swelling at the injection site. (Data collected December 13, 2020 – March 13, 2021, Source: Public Health Ontario)

Side effects can develop in the day or two after receiving the vaccine. In rare cases, serious allergic reactions can happen. In most cases, reactions can be treated and are usually temporary.

Can I pre-register now?
To find out:
• Scan this QR code with your smartphone
• Visit regionofwaterloo.ca/VaccinePreReg
• Talk to a real person 24/7 in over 200 languages, call 519-514-1499
• Deaf and hard of hearing (TTY): 519-575-4608

Vaccination by appointment only. No walk-ins.

Remember to bring identification.
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