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**Vaccine Basics**

Understanding what vaccines are and how they work

- Eh!woza explains how vaccines protect and the use of mRNA/Viral Vector Vaccines with two animated videos.
- The Vaccines Alliance offers the latest news, info about the vaccine race, and what's currently under development.
- Professor Gregory Hussey, Director of Vaccines for Africa and former Director of the IDM, speaks to SABC News about the lack of information contributing to vaccine hesitancy and possible ways to address this.

**FAQs**

Have a question about it? Find your answers here

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has compiled Vaccines and Immunization Q&As addressing Vaccine safety and What is vaccination?
- A broad spectrum of answers to common questions from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia – addressing COVID-19, vaccines, and queries about pregnancy and breastfeeding.
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**Vaccine Safety**

Understanding how vaccines are developed builds trust in this intervention as a viable and healthy option

- In this video Dr Paul Offit from the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia addresses safety concerns considering the speedy vaccine development.
- The European Vaccination Information Portal illustrates the regulations monitoring COVID-19 vaccine safety.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides a closer look at the evaluation of the mRNA vaccine.

**General Resources**

A library of resources targeted at the current conversations about vaccines

- Canada-based CANVax equips public health professionals with access to a resource centre focused on vaccine acceptance and uptake.
- The HIV Vaccine Trials Network has curated a CoVPN Community Engagement Materials Menu - Password: CoVPNTr!$.
- The WHO’s guide on How to respond to vocal vaccine deniers in public.
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**Downloads**
Advocacy material you can share to improve understanding and combat vaccine hesitancy

- Vaccinate Your Family has COVID-19 Graphics and Educational Handouts that can be shared on social media and other spaces.
- The WHO has developed handy tips for Parenting in the time of COVID-19 and shareable Mythbusting posters.

**Good Reads**
Academic content, articles and commentary addressing COVID-19 and worldwide vaccine developments

- Professor Tom Scriba, Deputy Director of the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative, relies on evidence to tackle vaccine hesitancy and misinformation.
- A collection of articles and other resources from the New England Journal of Medicine.