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## Why I vaccinated for COVID-19



## I accepted this vaccine for the following reasons:

- Since birth I've received vaccines that protected me against a variety of dangerous illnesses including Rubella, Tuberculosis, Mumps and Measles.
- The country of my birth has various institutions like SAHPRA that check and evaluate all vaccines imported into South Africa for efficacy and safety.
- Vaccination efforts in South Africa are recognised worldwide, thus contributing to increased tourism and foreign direct investment.
- Our vaccination efforts also help other African countries, through the African Union, in ramping up their vaccination efforts.
- Institutions like the NICD and SAIMDR keep me well informed about the incidence and prevalence of communicable diseases as well as offer information on adverse effects of specific products like vaccines.
- South Africa, through BIOVAC and ASPEN Pharmacare, is at the Pan-African forefront, in an effort to source international licenses and the technology to produce vaccines locally. This is one single admirable sustainable job creation venture.

