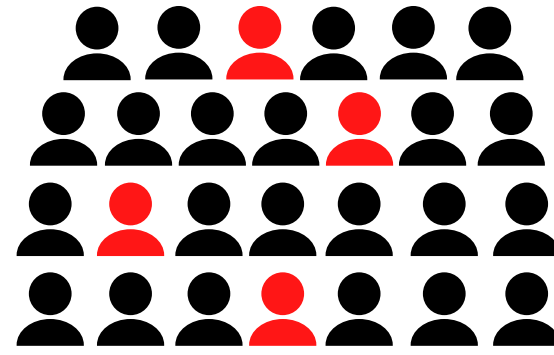
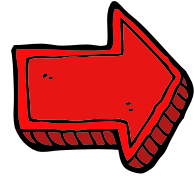
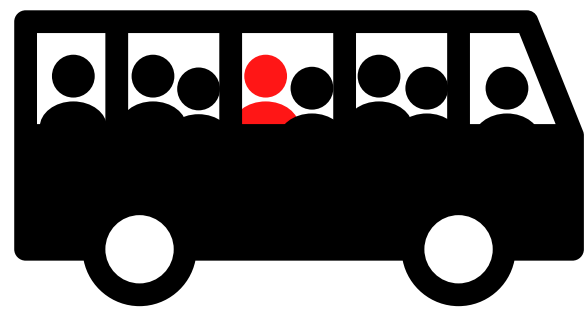


# ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

**Why do we need a COVID-19 vaccine?**

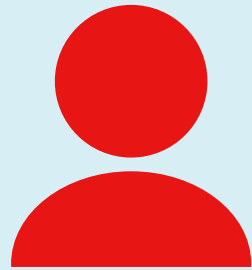


To stop us getting sick from the virus



To stop us spreading the virus in the community

**I am healthy, why is this a problem?**



**YOU might not show any symptoms from contracting the virus BUT...**



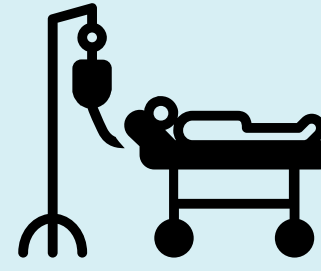
If you pass it on to elderly family or community members, they are at high risk

People with underlying health conditions - like diabetes, heart or lung disease - are also at risk. They may not even know they have a condition.



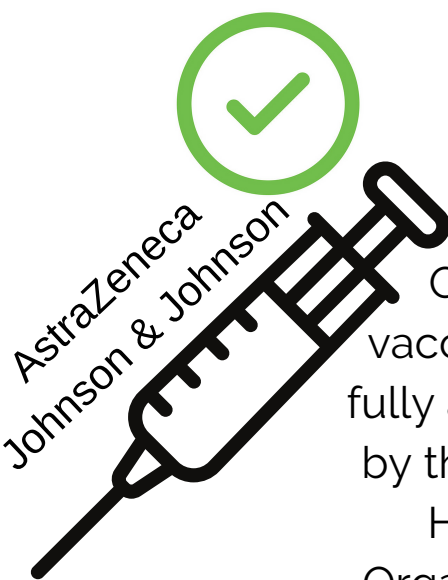
If you pass the virus to a health worker, they can pass it to those in their care. They are also unable to treat those who are sick from the coronavirus other illnesses or emergencies.

**Elderly people and those with underlying conditions are at HIGH RISK of serious illness or death from COVID-19**



**Health facilities across PNG risk closing from lack of health workers**

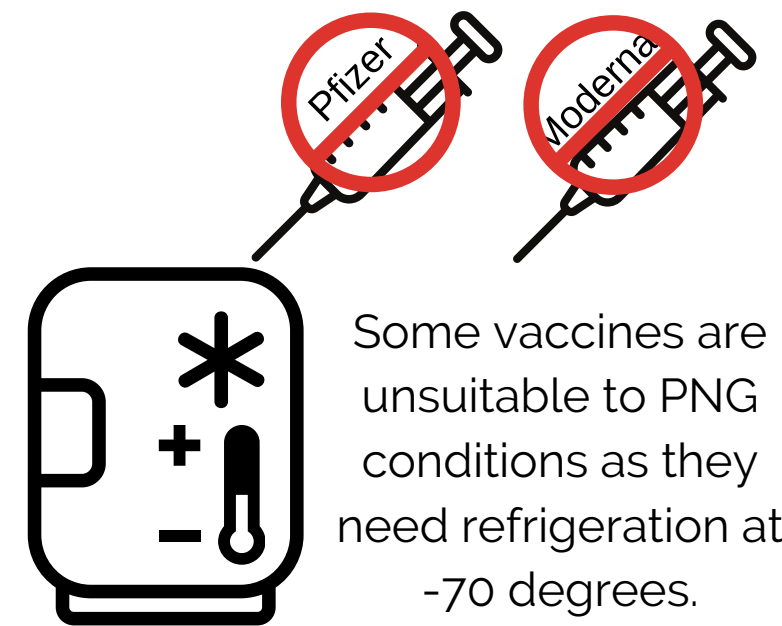
**Why this vaccine?**



Only 6 vaccines are fully approved by the World Health Organisation.

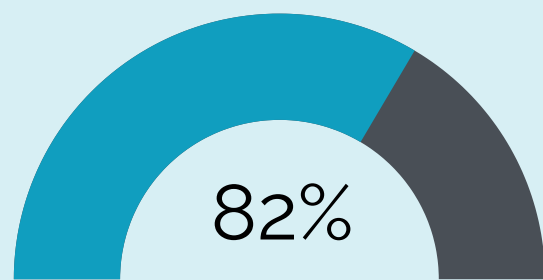


They have undergone extensive testing and have been reviewed by the PNG Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee to select those best suited to PNG conditions.

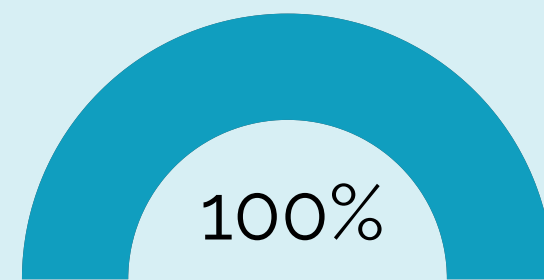


Some vaccines are unsuitable to PNG conditions as they need refrigeration at -70 degrees.

**Does it work?**

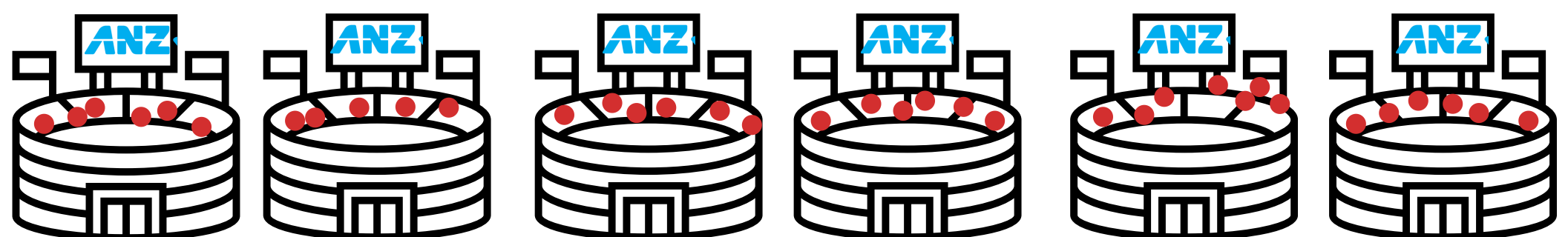


Research shows that 82% of people vaccinated do not contract the virus

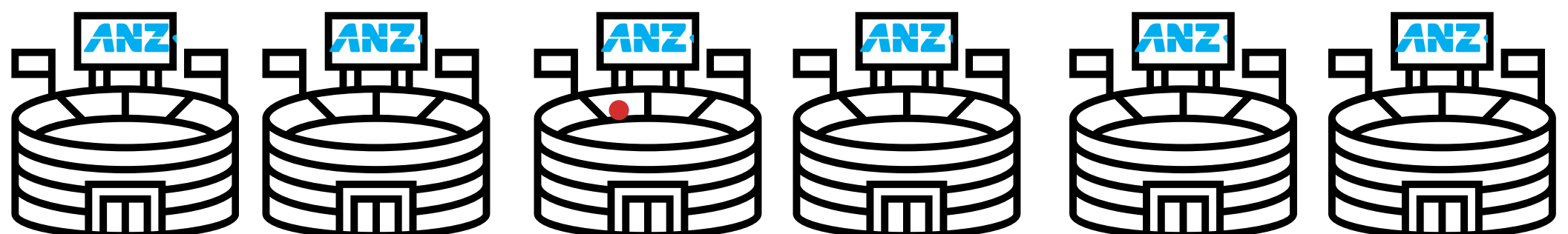


Evidence shows 100% of people fully vaccinated do not die from the virus

**Is it safe? What about blood clots?**



For every 2 million people who contract COVID-19 40,000 people (2%) will DIE



For every 2 million people vaccinated 20 people will develop a blood clot condition but only 1 will DIE

Source: This information has been summarised from an expert panel discussion hosted by the UPNG Student Representative Council on 7 April 2021 with Dr Sam Yockopua, Dr Moses Laman, Dr Samuel Maima, Professor John Vince and Professor Glen Mola. Updated July 2021 with information from the WHO, Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Research Center, The Lancet Medical Journal and the Australian Government Department of Health.