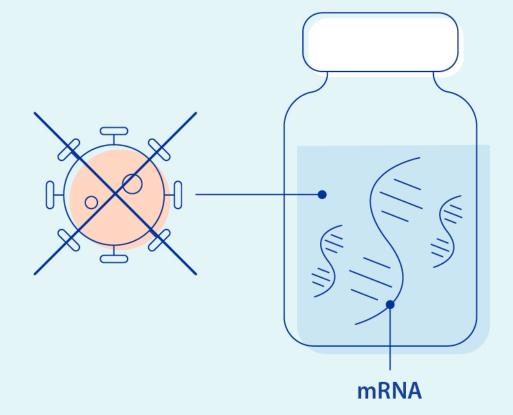
# How mRNA vaccines protect you against COVID-19

#### mRNA technology explained in simple terms

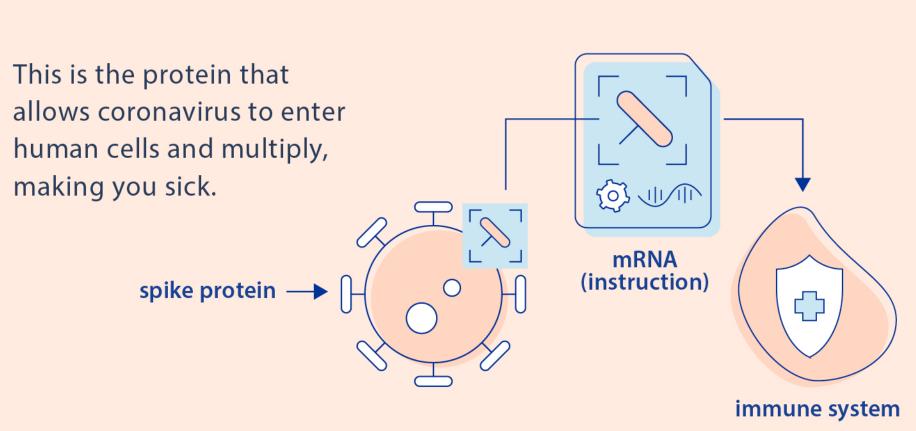
Vaccines using mRNA technology **protect you** from COVID-19 disease **without exposing you to the virus.** 

They do not contain weakened or inactivated viruses.



Instead, **they do** contain a type of genetic **information** (called mRNA) with instructions on how to create **copies** of the coronavirus's **'spike' protein**.

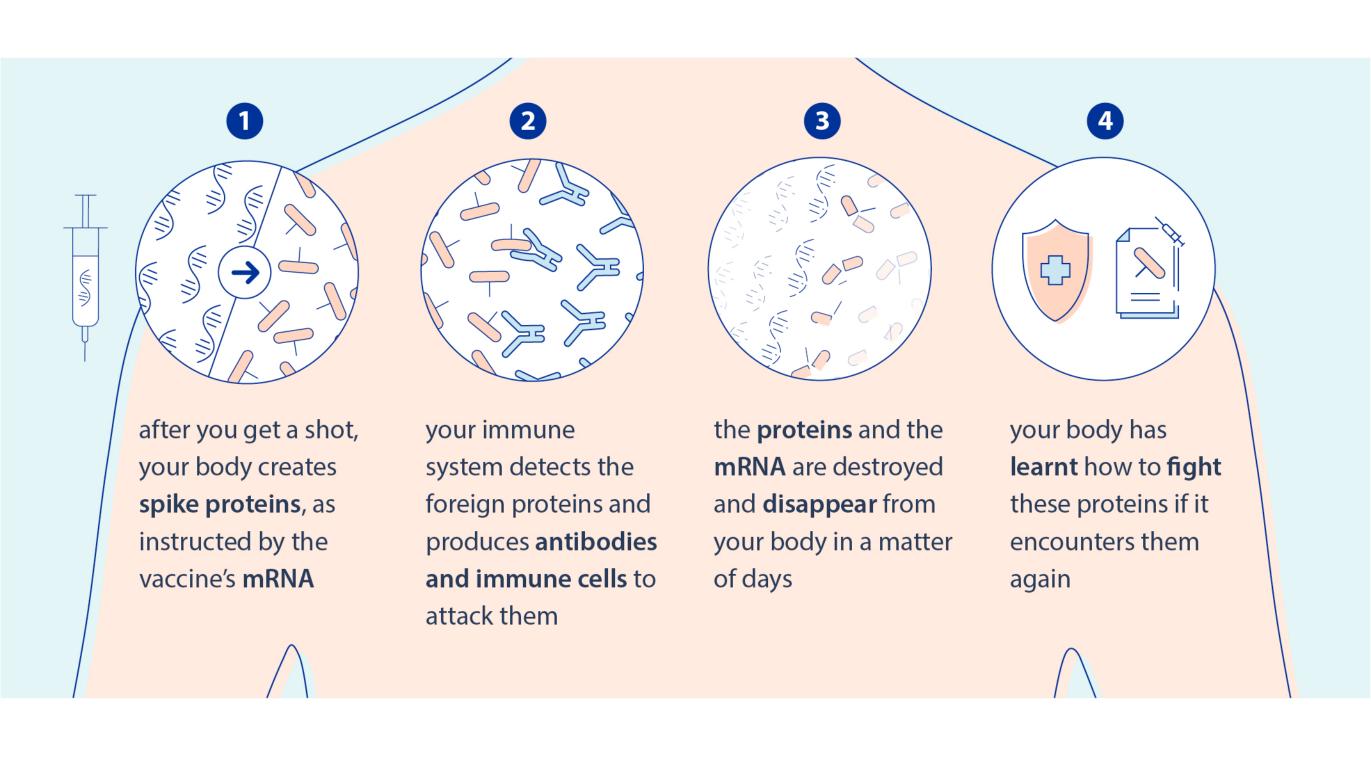
#### Why should your body create the spike protein?



mRNA vaccines instruct your body to create these proteins so that your immune system becomes familiar with them and is ready to beat them if you are infected with the virus.

On its own, the spike protein can't cause you any harm.

### What happens inside your body when you get an mRNA vaccine



## How your body reacts if you are infected with coronavirus, once vaccinated

