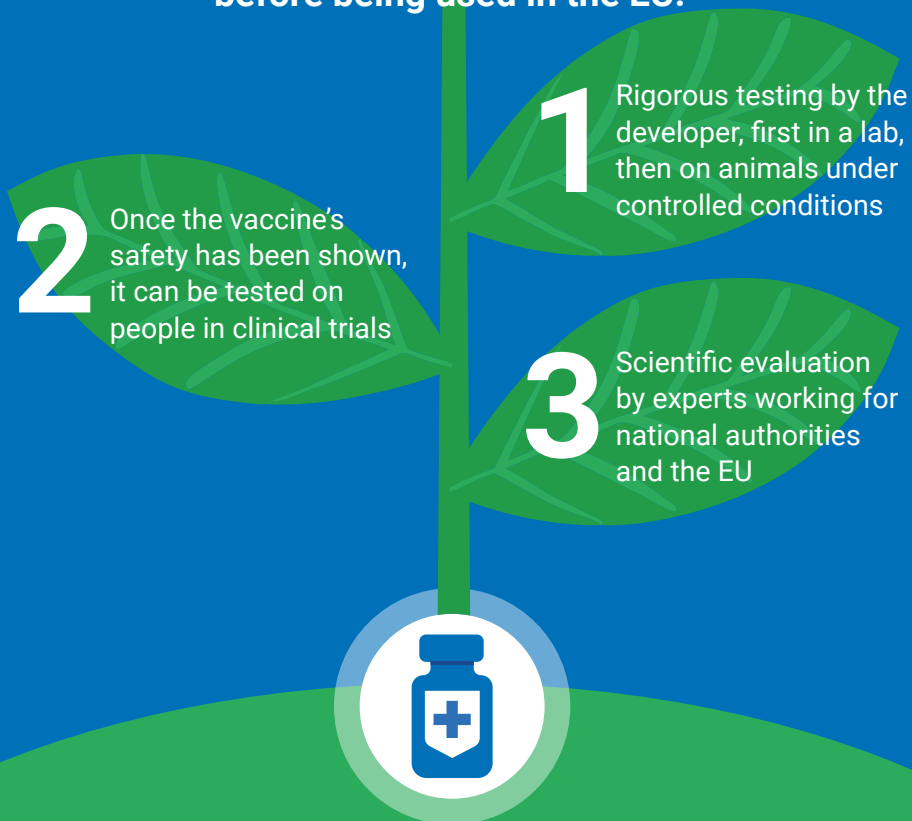


A vaccine must go through several stages before being used in the EU:



All vaccines continue to be monitored once they are being used. This is important to keep making sure vaccines work and are safe.



**Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated!**



Scan the QR code to learn more at the **European Vaccination Information Portal**  
[vaccination-info.europa.eu/en](https://vaccination-info.europa.eu/en)

**How do I know my vaccine is safe?**



EUROPEAN VACCINATION  
INFORMATION PORTAL  
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**The quality of each vaccine is evaluated by checking:**

its purity  
its ingredients  
how it is manufactured



Clinical trials in people work in 3 phases:

### Phase 1

20-100 volunteers

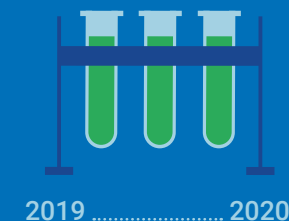
### Phase 2

Several hundred volunteers

### Phase 3

Thousands of volunteers

A vaccine is only approved in the EU once regulators are sure that it is safe and effective. The testing process can take more than **10 years!**



## Why were COVID-19 vaccines approved so quickly?

As it was a public health emergency, vaccines were developed faster during the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to significant efforts from the scientific community and an exceptionally high level of investment.

The process followed the same requirements for quality, safety and effectiveness as for other vaccines.

