

## **Psychological impact on COVID-19 vaccinations**

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**P**psychology has a critical role in fighting the hesitancy of people to get vaccinated. Psychological factors for vaccination intention, highlight the variables related to positive and negative attitudes toward COVID-19 vaccination. Studies show that people's interpretations of the origin of the virus were important with the people who believe that the virus was created in the lab to be powerless and more concerned about the possible side-effects of the vaccines something negatively associated with their vaccination intention. The source of vaccine recommendation was relevant to vaccination intention with people's vaccination intention to be highest if the vaccines were recommended by health professionals, and secondly by friends and the government, and the media (Lo et al., 2021). There must be insights into developing communication strategies to effectively promote vaccination intentions. There are psychological, social, and situational factors on intent to commit with a COVID-19 vaccine (Butter et al., 2021).

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