

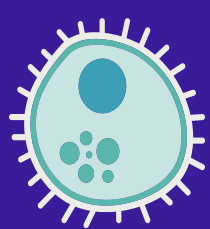
# MS Treatments

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## Factors to consider

- 1 Can my immune system fight infection?
- 2 Can I maintain distancing with treatment?
- 3 Will I be ready for a COVID vaccine?

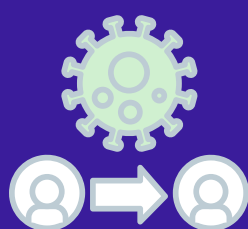


## IMMUNITY

MS is characterized by an abnormal immune response. Disease-modifying therapies are needed to control the disease process – but these same medications can also impair your ability to fight infections.

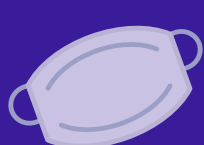


So with some MS medications, you may need to take extra precautions to protect yourself from COVID-19.

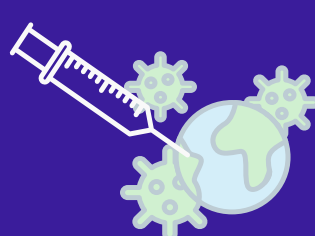


## DISTANCING

It's important to wear a mask and maintain distance (2 metres or 6 feet) from other people to reduce your risk of infection. This can be challenging if you need to go to a clinic for tests or to receive your medication.



Healthcare facilities are frequently cleaned – but make sure you wash your hands, wear a mask and maintain distancing during appointments.



## COVID-19 VACCINE

Vaccination is less likely to be effective if you are taking certain disease-modifying therapies for your MS. So you may need to interrupt your treatment or switch medications before you get vaccinated.



Talk to your doctor about whether you will need to interrupt your therapy and the best approach to maintain control of your MS.



Your doctor and MS nurse know your specific circumstances and can answer any questions you have about your MS, your medications or COVID-19.