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in Vaccine Development

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A stylized illustration of Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett. She has long, dark, wavy hair and is wearing a blue top. The background behind her is a bright yellow circle with various colorful shapes like circles, lines, and dots. The overall background of the page is a light pink gradient.

# Kizzmekia Corbett

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Dr. Kizzmekia "Kizzy" Shanta Corbett is an American viral immunologist and is one of the leading scientists whose tireless work helped to develop an mRNA-based vaccine for COVID-19. She is also the Shutzer Assistant Professor at the Harvard Radcliffe Institute and Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Corbett has recently taken on another challenge: tempering vaccine hesitancy by talking about COVID-19 science in communities of colour.

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