



# What to Expect After COVID-19 Vaccination

## What side effects might I expect after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?

Side effects that have been reported following COVID-19 vaccination include:

- Injection site pain, swelling, or redness
- Muscle or joint pain
- Generally feeling unwell
- Tiredness
- Fever or chills
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting

Side effects are more commonly reported after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the vaccine and are more common in those under 55 years of age.

These side effects are usually mild to moderate, but in rare cases can be more severe.

Studies of the vaccines are ongoing, so other side effects are possible.

## What serious adverse events should I be aware of?

There is a small chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction, usually occurring within a few minutes to an hour after vaccine administration. Signs could include difficulty breathing, swelling of your face or throat a fast heartbeat, a rash, and dizziness or weakness.

Studies of the vaccines are still ongoing, so other serious and unexpected side effects may occur.

## What should I do if experience an adverse reaction?

If you experience a severe allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, swelling of your face or throat, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), **call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.**

If you have other side effects that bother you or do not go away, call your healthcare provider.

**Please note:** If you have insurance, your insurance will be billed for the vaccine and you will receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). For Medicare Advantage patients, traditional Medicare will be billed.





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