

Side effects after a COVID-19 vaccine

Severe allergic reactions after getting a COVID-19 vaccine are **rare**. **After a COVID-19 vaccine, you may have some mild symptoms while your body builds up protection.**



STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT COVID-19

Common side effects

Mild symptoms that should go away in a **few days** after your COVID-19 vaccine include:

- Redness, pain or swelling on the arm where you got the shot
- Mild fever, chills, headache, or feeling tired

Severe allergic reactions

Severe allergic reactions after getting a COVID-19 vaccine are rare. **Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate medical care if you have symptoms.**

Vaccination sites are ready to help people who have immediate allergic reactions. Stay at the vaccination site for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine.

To let CDC know about any side effects, you can sign up for a **free, secure smartphone tool at V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker (vsafe.cdc.gov).**

Good to know

- You **cannot** get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- You **might have been exposed** to COVID-19 before you got your shot and you're just now feeling symptoms from the virus.
- **Call your healthcare provider** if you have a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, lose your sense of taste or smell, or your side effects are worrying you and don't seem to be going away after a few days.

Get your FREE vaccine!