

What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 shot may cause side effects in some people. Side effects should go away in a few days.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS

On the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

In the rest of your body:

- Fever
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Nausea



Ask the facility healthcare provider (or facility staff) for help if:

- The redness or pain where you got the shot gets worse after 24 hours
- Your side effects are worrying you
- Your side effects do not seem to be going away after a few days

HELPFUL TIPS

If you have pain, headache, or fever, ask a healthcare provider (or facility staff) if you can have medicine.

If you are sore where you got the shot:

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area
- Use or move your arm gently

If you have a fever:

- Drink a lot of water
- Get plenty of rest
- Dress lightly



REMEMBER

Side effects may make you feel a little sick or even make it hard to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

Some COVID-19 vaccines need 2 shots to work. You should get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first shot, unless a doctor tells you not to.

COVID-19 vaccines may not fully protect you until a week or two after your final shot. It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination.



Even after your COVID-19 vaccination, it's important to continue wearing your mask, try to stay at least 6 feet away from others as much as possible, and wash your hands often.



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