

COVID-19 Vaccine Reactions

For Vaccine Recipients and Caregivers

Below are reactions that are common after receiving a vaccine. You may experience some or all of these after your COVID-19 vaccination. Typically, reactions are mild and do not last longer than 72 hours.

- Redness, swelling or pain at the injection site
- Muscle and joint pain
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Headache

If any of the above symptoms last longer than 72 hours, please contact your healthcare provider.

If you experience any of the following issues, please call 9-1-1, or go the nearest hospital:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Loss of consciousness
- Trouble swallowing
- Swelling of your face or throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body or hives
- Dizziness or weakness

Even after you get vaccinated against COVID-19, you will need to continue to:

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Wash your hands often
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with you

Researchers and healthcare providers do not know how long COVID-19 vaccines will protect you, so please continue to follow CDC and health department guidelines and public health recommendation.

We also know that it will take time to vaccinate everyone who wants to participate, so please continue to take measures to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

Because the COVID-19 vaccine was approved under an Emergency Use Authorization, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires health conditions or adverse events following vaccination be reported, including if you sought medical attention or were hospitalized as a result of the COVID-19 vaccine.

To report vaccine side effects to FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include “Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine EUA” in the first line of box #18 of the report form.