

Frequently Asked Questions after getting the COVID-19 Vaccine



Are there any side effects to the vaccine(s)?

- Pain, redness, swelling, and/or tenderness at shot area
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint pain
- Chills
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fever



What should I do if I experience side effects?

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the shot area, and use or exercise your arm.
- Drink plenty of fluids and dress lightly to reduce fever discomfort.
- Contact your doctor or healthcare provider if the redness or tenderness at the shot area increases after 24 hours, if other side effects do not go away after a few days, or if you are worried.



When does the vaccine start working?

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity, so it's possible a person could become infected and get sick with COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination.



How effective is one dose compared to two?

If you received the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine you need just one dose to be fully vaccinated. If you received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine you need two doses to be fully vaccinated.



How long does protection from the vaccines last?

We do not have data yet to say for how long the vaccine will provide protection.

Do I have to wear a mask and avoid groups still after I get it?

It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to stop the spread. Even after you are fully vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and avoid groups. Follow all state guidance as we learn the vaccines' impact in real-life conditions.

