

What should I do if I develop symptoms after the COVID-19 vaccine



Severe Allergic Reactions

Severe allergic reactions after getting the COVID-19 vaccine are **rare**. They require **immediate medical care**. **Call 9-1-1 if you think you are having a severe allergic reaction** after leaving the vaccination site. These can include:

- Feeling like your throat is closing
- Wheezing or being short of breath
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Dizziness or fainting
- A rapid heartbeat
- Hives, itching, or swelling of the lips, face, and throat



COVID-19 Symptoms

- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, stay home and call your healthcare provider.
- Except for fever, these symptoms are not expected side effects of the vaccine.
- You might have been exposed to COVID-19 before you got the vaccine and symptoms are just now appearing. **You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.**

Common Side Effects

Mild side effects might develop over the next few days, showing that your body is working to build protection. These include:

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

These should go away after a few days. To let CDC know about any side effects, you can sign up for a free, secure smartphone tool at vsafe.cdc.gov. Call a healthcare provider if you are worried about side effects you're experiencing.



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. If you think you might be having a severe allergic reaction after leaving the vaccination site, **call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest hospital**.

