

What to Expect After Your SECOND DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE

Common Side Effects:

- Pain/swelling/bruising at injection site
- Fatigue/tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Joint pain
- Chills
- Fever

Remember that side effects are expected and are an excellent reminder that our immune systems are doing exactly what we want them to...learning how to effectively fight COVID-19! The vaccine cannot cause someone to get COVID-19.

Side effects are more frequently experienced after the second dose of vaccine than after the first dose and may be more severe.

When to Call the Doctor

- If the redness or tenderness where you got your shot increases after 24 hours after you got your vaccine
- If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

Other Things to Know:

Immunity against COVID-19 is thought to be at its best 2-3 weeks following receipt of your second dose of vaccine. Until we have more knowledge available to us about immunity provided by vaccination and we have a much larger percentage of the population vaccinated, we must all continue to:

- Wear a mask*
- Avoid large gatherings of people
- Wash hands frequently
- Maintain social distance from others

*An exception would be when in a group where everyone is fully vaccinated.

