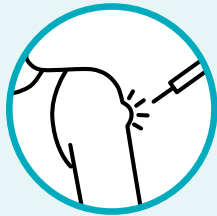


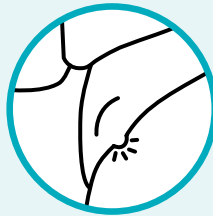
### What to expect over the next few days:

#### Possible side effects

Side effects are common a day or two after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. These can include:



**Pain, redness, itching or swelling**  
right away and/or  
7 days after



**Swollen lymph nodes under armpit**



**Tiredness or headache**



**Fever and chills**



**Muscle or joint soreness**



**Nausea and vomiting**

#### TIPS FOR SIDE EFFECTS

**Painful areas:** apply a cool damp cloth or a wrapped ice pack.

**Discomfort from side effects:** take medication such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil®). ASA (e.g., Aspirin®) should not be given to anyone under 18 years of age. If you are pregnant, do not take ibuprofen (Advil®). Treat discomfort or fever with Tylenol® instead.

Most side effects are not serious and should go away on their own.

#### Symptoms to look out for

- Some of the side effects of the vaccine are similar to symptoms of COVID-19. The vaccine will NOT cause or give you COVID-19.
- Symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose, or cough are NOT side effects of the vaccine.
- If you experience ANY symptoms of COVID-19, use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool at [bc.thrive.health/covid19/en](https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en)
- If you are worried, contact your health care provider or call 8-1-1.
- Serious side effects after receiving the vaccine are rare. If you develop any serious side effects or a severe allergic reaction (including hives, swelling of your face, tongue or throat or difficulty breathing), seek medical attention or call **9-1-1** right away. Tell them you've received a COVID-19 vaccine.

### Returning for the second dose of vaccine

- People who get their first vaccine dose will be notified by email, text or phone when they are eligible to book an appointment for their second dose. Make sure to register with Get Vaccinated at [gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated](https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated). You can still register after receiving your first dose and will be notified when you can get your second dose.
- Bring your immunization record with you. A record will also be online through Health Gateway. Register at [www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca](https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca)

### Things to remember

- It will take 2-3 weeks after getting the first dose to build immunity to the virus. If you are exposed to someone with COVID-19 before or during this time, you can still get COVID-19.
- You might be contacted to participate in safety monitoring for COVID-19 vaccines. For more information, go to [canvas-covid.ca](https://canvas-covid.ca)

### Continue to follow public health guidelines after you are vaccinated



Stay 2 metres  
(6 ft) apart



Clean your  
hands often



Wear a  
face mask

### Rare events after getting the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD or Janssen vaccine

Rare cases of serious blood clots and/or bleeding have been reported after receiving the vaccine (about 1 in 100,000 vaccinated people).

Monitor for any of the following symptoms between 4 to 28 days after receiving your vaccine:

- Severe headache that does not go away
- Seizure
- Difficulty moving part of your body
- Blurry vision that does not go away
- Difficulty speaking
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Severe abdominal pain
- New severe swelling, pain, or colour change of an arm or a leg
- Abnormal bruising, reddish or purple spots or blood blisters under the skin

If you experience any of these symptoms:

- 1 Seek medical attention right away
- 2 Bring your COVID-19 immunization record