

How does it feel to get the COVID-19 vaccine



Getting vaccinated will help protect you from getting COVID-19 or will help make the illness less severe. The **more people** who get vaccinated, the more protection there will be for everyone in the community.

What Happens When Someone Gets the COVID-19 Vaccine?



- The vaccination will be given by a **HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**. There are currently a few vaccines that have been approved.



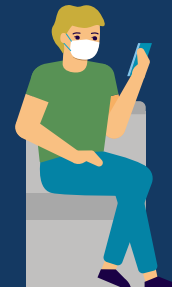
- The vaccination is given **IN THE ARM**. Pain, redness and soreness at the injection site may happen.



- Most short-term side effects are **MILD AND WILL GO AWAY** in a couple of days.



- Side effects are a sign that your body's immune system is working to build up **PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19**.



Side Effects

[*May be different for each person*]

Clinical trials have shown that common side effects include:

- ✓ **Pain at injection site**
- ✓ **Fatigue**
- ✓ **Headache**
- ✓ **Muscle pain**
- ✓ **Joint pain**
- ✓ **Chills**
- ✓ **Fever**



Everyone responds differently when they get a vaccine. It's important to know that studies of COVID-19 vaccines must show they are **SAFE and EFFECTIVE** before any vaccine is approved for use.

For more information about how vaccines are created, tested and distributed, visit vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine or call 877-ASK-VDH3.



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