

Pfizer

vaccine side effects



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you from getting sick from COVID-19.



Just like other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines have side effects. It is normal to feel some side effects like being tired, having a headache, and feeling sore where you got your injection.

Always go to your doctor if you feel very sick.



Watch out for these symptoms

Serious side effects are very rare.

You might have symptoms up to **one week** after you get your vaccine.



Go to your doctor straight away if:

- You feel pain or pressure in your chest.
 - It hurts when you breathe.
 - You find it hard to take deep breaths.
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- You have an irregular heartbeat, skipped beats or 'fluttering' feelings in your chest.
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- You faint.
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Why we look for these symptoms

People who have the Pfizer vaccine and get serious symptoms may have a medical condition called **myocarditis** or **pericarditis**.

Myocarditis and pericarditis are very rare, and doctors can help people who have it. These conditions affect the heart or the tissues and muscle around the heart.



COVID-19 vaccines in Australia must pass lots of safety tests before they can be given to people. The Therapeutic Goods Administration is responsible for checking vaccine safety.



Before you get a COVID-19 vaccine, the person giving you the vaccine checks to make sure you can receive the vaccine. This helps make sure you get the COVID-19 vaccine that is safe for you.



If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, or you want to get your vaccine, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine or call the Coronavirus Hotline on **1800 673 398**. For an interpreter, **press 0**.

For more information visit:

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