

After Your Child's COVID-19 Vaccination

Possible Side Effects

Your child may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection.



On the arm where your child got the shot:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of their body:

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea



These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects and severe allergic reactions are rare. If your child experiences a severe allergic reaction after getting a COVID-19 vaccine, vaccine providers can rapidly provide care and call for emergency medical services, if needed.

Ask your child's healthcare provider for advice on using a non-aspirin pain reliever and other steps you can take at home after your child gets vaccinated. In general, aspirin is not recommended for use in children and adolescents less than 18 years of age. Placing a cool, damp cloth on the injection site can help with discomfort.