

Side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine

All vaccines cause side effects, including the vaccines against COVID-19. In general, the side effects are mild and short-term. We consider the vaccines to be very safe and well documented.

Examples of common side effects

Local reactions

- **Pain and redness at the injection site**

It is natural to experience a local reaction when the skin is broken and the vaccine is injected.

General reactions

- **Fatigue**
- **Headache**
- **Muscle and joint pain**
- **Chills**
- **Slight fever**

These are natural signs that the body's immune system is reacting to the vaccine. You do not need to call your doctor if you experience these known and short-term side effects.

You should not call your doctor if you experience these short-term side effects. If, for example, you have a slight fever, it is an indication that your immune system and your body are reacting to the vaccine as they should.

Examples of rare side effects

- **Severe allergic reactions**
- **Difficulty breathing**
- **Skin rashes**
- **Facial swelling**

As with all vaccines, very rare cases of allergic reactions after being vaccinated against COVID-19 can occur. If you have ever had a serious allergic reaction immediately after being vaccinated or after being injected with a medicinal product, you should contact your doctor before being vaccinated against COVID-19.

Read more at sst.dk/covid-vaccination and at lmst.dk