

# COVID-19 VACCINES: FACTS & MISCONCEPTIONS

## The Difference Between Vaccine Side Effects & Allergic Reactions

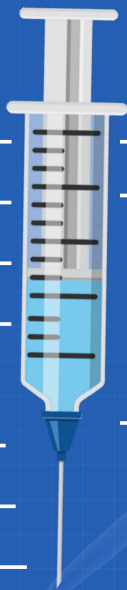
Side effects from vaccines are normal and can occur with most standard vaccines already widely used in medicine. Allergic reactions to vaccines are far less common and have only been seen in small numbers.

Individuals who are most at risk for an allergic reaction are **those who already have documented severe allergies to other substances or medicines**. Most providers will require vaccine recipients to remain at the location they received the vaccine to ensure that any allergic reactions that occur can be quickly managed.

### SIDE EFFECTS

#### General Side Effects:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle Pain
- Joint Pain
- Chills
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fever



#### Injection Site Reactions:

- Pain
- Tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection
- Swelling (Hardness) And Redness

### ALLERGIC REACTIONS

Most allergic reactions to a vaccine occur within 30 minutes of injection.



- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

GIVEN WHAT WE HAVE SEEN FROM VACCINE TRIALS, AND THE INITIAL PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE AVAILABLE COVID-19 VACCINES ARE **OVERWHELMINGLY SAFE.**

Remember, even if you are vaccinated you should still wear a mask, maintain good hygiene and social distancing as it is not certain that the vaccine will 100% prevent transmission.

