

Pfizer

vaccine side effects



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you and your family 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. These side effects can last 2-3 days after your vaccine. 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.

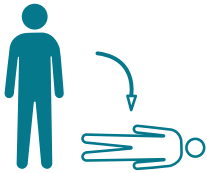
Go to your doctor straight away if you:



- You feel pain or pressure in your chest.
- It hurts when you breathe.
- You find it hard to take deep breaths.



You have an irregular heartbeat, skipped beats or 'fluttering' feelings in your chest.



You faint.

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**. These conditions affect the heart or the tissues and muscle around the heart.

If you have any of these serious symptoms, it is important you see your doctor. Your doctor can run tests to check if you have these medical conditions. Myocarditis and pericarditis are very rare, and doctors can help people who have it.



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 and approving vaccines for use in Australia.



Before you get a COVID-19 vaccine, the person giving you the vaccine asks you some important questions to make sure you get the COVID-19 vaccine that is safe for you.



You can use the COVID-19 vaccine side effect checker by visiting **www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-side-effect-checker**. 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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