

What are the
potential side
effects to the
COVID-19
vaccines?



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**Most people
experience
no or mild side
effects that last
for a day or two
after the
vaccination.**

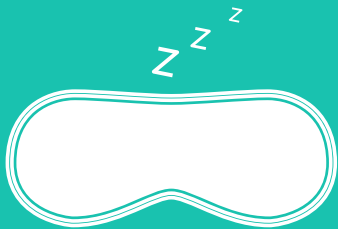


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Common vaccine side effects:



pain or swelling at the
injection site



tiredness



joint pain



Common vaccine side effects:



fever and chills



headaches



muscle pain



Less common side effects for all vaccines:

- redness
- itching at the injection site
- feeling unwell / nausea
- enlarged lymph nodes
- pain in limb
- insomnia

These side effects are **mild** and usually **last a day or two** after the vaccination.



Less common side effects for Astrazeneca (Vaxzervia):

- dizziness
- decreased appetite
- stomach pain



Rare side effects for Pfizer & Moderna (Spikevax):

- Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
- Pericarditis (inflammation of the outer lining of the heart)
- Anaphylaxis: severe allergic reaction



Rare side effects for AstraZeneca (Vaxzervia):

- Anaphylaxis: severe allergic reaction
- Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS): blood clotting (thrombosis) and low platelet levels (thrombocytopenia)



More info about the COVID-19 vaccines available in Australia and their side effects:

- **Pfizer**, Australian Government Department of Health
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-after-your-comirnaty-pfizer-vaccine>
- **Astrazeneca (Vaxzervia)**, Australian Government Department of Health
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-information-on-vaxzevria-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine>
- **Moderna (Spikevax)**, Australian Government Department of Health
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-after-your-spikevax-moderna-vaccine>





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