Common Side Effects of the COVID-19 Vaccine

Though the COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting sick from COVID-19, you may experience some side effects. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19 and should go away in 2-3 days. If you do not experience any side effects, that does not mean the vaccine is not working. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

Common Side Effects

Pain/swelling in the arm that received the vaccination

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area
- Move your arm around by using or exercising it

Fever/chills

- Drink plenty of water and other fluids
- Dress in lighter clothing to keep cooler

Tiredness/fatigue

Headache

Muscle pain/ stiff joints

When to Call the Doctor or 911

Contact a doctor or health care provider if:

- The redness or tenderness where you got the shot in the arm increases after 24 hours
- Your side effects do not seem to be going away after a few days
- You have pain or discomfort. You can ask your doctor about taking an over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen

Call 911 immediately if:

- You experience severe swelling, hives, or wheezing
- You think you might be having a severe allergic reaction. Severe allergic reactions are rare and would likely occur right after receiving the shot

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Remember after you are vaccinated, you will need to continue to wash your hands regularly, wear a mask, and socially distance.