

Pfizer/BioNTech-vaccine against COVID-19

This information sheet tells you about the vaccine’s efficacy, what possible side effects to expect and the symptoms to pay attention to after your vaccination.



The vaccine stimulates the immune system to produce antibodies that protect against COVID-19



Trials of the vaccine have shown that it protects against COVID-19 after completed vaccination. There is still a small risk of catching COVID-19 despite being vaccinated, but if you do, your symptoms are likely to be milder. It remains uncertain for how long the vaccine offers protection.

Side effects – from common to rare

The side effects below are known to occur after vaccination.

Mild and moderate side effects are quite common and last for only a few days. There is no need to contact a doctor about this. But if you develop serious symptoms, you should seek medical attention. **Please remember that it is common to have a little more side effects after the second shot.**

Very common side effects (more than 10%)

- Pain at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain and chills
- Joint pain
- Fever and swelling at the injection site
- Diarrhoea

Common side effects (1-10%)

- Nausea
- Redness at the injection site
- Vomiting

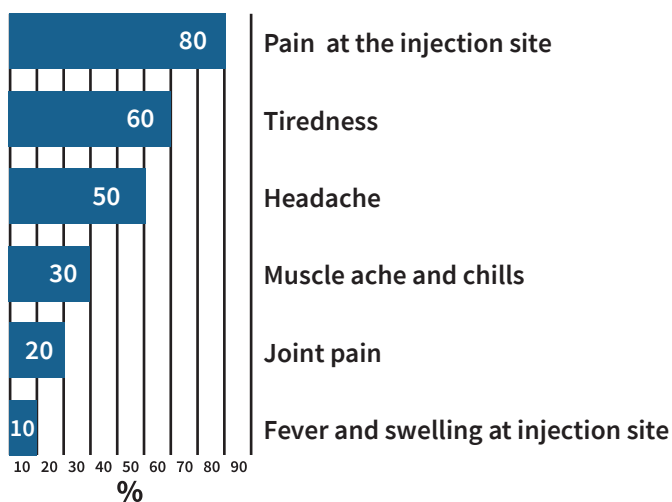
Uncommon side effects (more than 0.1-1%)

- Insomnia
- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Arm pain
- Feeling unwell
- Itching at the injection site
- Hypersensitivity reactions

Rare side effect (less than 0.1%)

- Temporary facial paralysis

Very common side effects (experienced by trial subjects in percent)



In very rare cases, you could develop a severe allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis.



The symptoms of anaphylaxis are:

Dizziness, change in heart rate (pulse), shortness of breath, wheezing, swollen lips / face / neck, hives / rash, nausea / vomiting, abdominal pain

Read the package leaflet at the website of the European Medicines Agency