

The COVID-19 vaccine from AstraZeneca

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 first shot.

Very common side effects (more than 10%)

- Tenderness, pain, warmth, itching or bruises at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Feeling unwell
- Muscle ache
- Fever
- Chills
- Joint pain
- Nausea

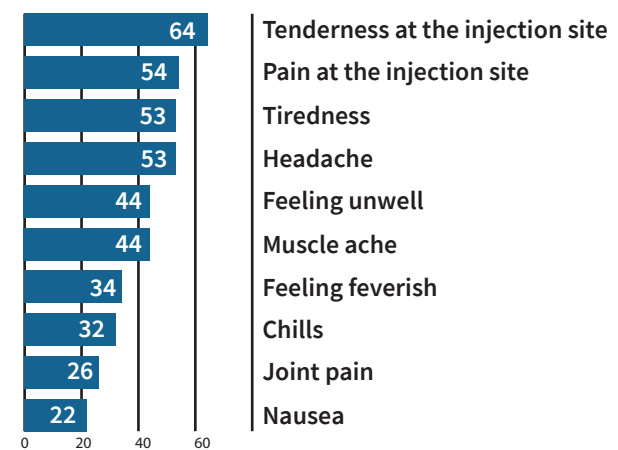
Common side effects (1-10%)

- Redness at the injection site
- Swelling at the injection site
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Fever (over 38°C)
- Low levels of blood platelets

Uncommon side effects (more than 0.1-1%)

- Reduced appetite
- Sleepiness
- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Itching
- Dizziness
- Rash
- Excessive sweating

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



Very rare (up to 0.01%)

- Blood clots, often in unusual locations (e.g. brain, bowel, liver, spleen), in combination with low level of blood platelets. This rare phenomenon is often referred to as VITT.



You should get medical attention immediately if within three weeks of vaccination you get any of the following symptoms: a severe or persistent headache, blurred vision, confusion or seizures (fits), shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, leg pain or persistent abdominal pain, unusual skin bruising or pinpoint round spots beyond the site of vaccination.



In very rare cases, you could develop hypersensitivity or 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

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