



## What to expect after your Moderna (SPIKEVAX) vaccine



### Congratulations!


Today your community pharmacist has given you the Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 Vaccine. Congratulations on taking this step in protecting yourself, your family, and your community from COVID-19.

Two doses of Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 Vaccine are needed for maximum protection. If this is your first dose, the pharmacy staff will arrange for you to receive your second dose in 4 to 6 weeks.


It takes about 2 to 3 weeks for the vaccine to start working to protect you from COVID-19. It is important to continue to follow safe COVID-19 practices, like washing your hands regularly and keeping 1.5m distance from others.

Like other vaccines you would have had, you might notice some side effects after getting your vaccination.

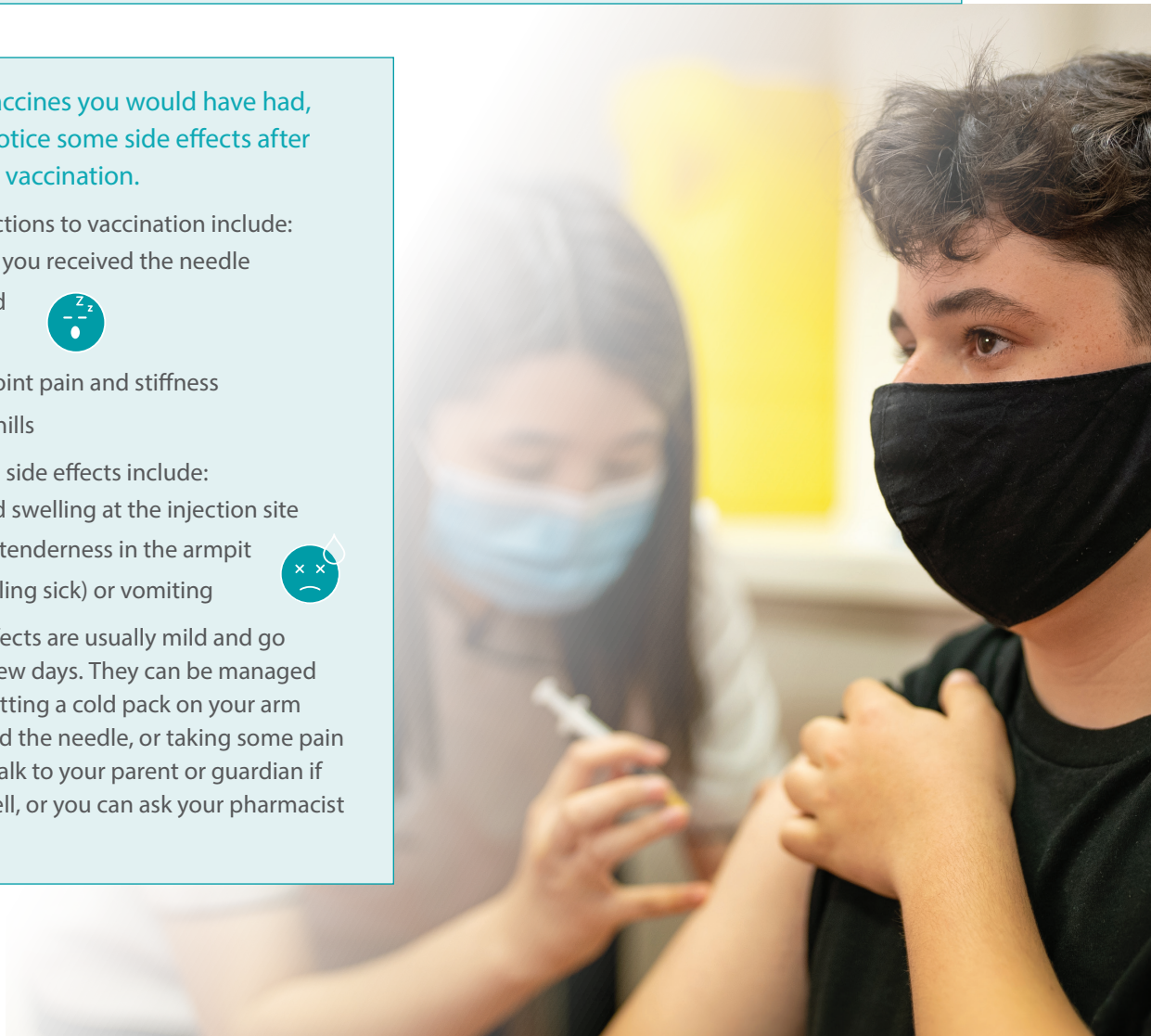
Common reactions to vaccination include:

- pain where you received the needle
- feeling tired 
- headache
- muscle or joint pain and stiffness
- fever and chills

Less common side effects include:

- redness and swelling at the injection site
- swelling or tenderness in the armpit
- nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting 

These side effects are usually mild and go away after a few days. They can be managed by resting, putting a cold pack on your arm where you had the needle, or taking some pain medication. Talk to your parent or guardian if you feel unwell, or you can ask your pharmacist for advice.



A small number of people have a reaction where they had their needle (pain, swelling or redness). This can happen 7 days after getting the vaccine.

If you notice any unexpected reactions or have side effects listed above that don't go away, tell your parent or guardian and speak with your doctor. Remind them that you have recently received the Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 Vaccine.

You have probably heard on the news that very rare side effects can occur after getting the vaccine. If you notice any of the symptoms below (especially in the first 5 days after your vaccination), let your parent or guardian know and seek medical help straight away.

- chest pain, pressure or discomfort
- rapid, irregular, or skipped heart beats
- fainting
- shortness of breath or pain with breathing

### Need more info?

You can find more information about symptoms you may experience from the Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 Vaccine from the Australian Government website.

**After your Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccination:**



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