COVID-19 Vaccination Side Effects

There is a lot of information going around about the COVID-19 vaccine, including what is and what isn't considered a normal side effect.

Normal Side Effects

There is a chance you may experience mild side effects after taking a COVID-19 vaccine. This is a normal part of the process and simply means the vaccine is working. Some of the symptoms include:

- Pain, redness or swelling near where the shot was administered
- Fatigue
- Joint pain
- Chills
- Headache
- Fever

What To Do

If you've received a vaccine and are experiencing normal side effects, contact your doctor if your symptoms worsen or persist after a couple of days.

Abnormal, Rare Side Effects

Although rare, some people may experience an allergic reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine. In some cases, this reaction could be severe. If you've had a past reaction to a vaccine or have other allergies, talk to your doctor before receiving the vaccine.

What To Do

If you've received a vaccine and are experiencing an allergic reaction, seek medical assistance immediately.

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, your vaccination provider will send a report to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).