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Are there COVID-19 vaccine side effects?

Mild side effects are common in the first 3 days. Here's what to look out for.

Arm is sore or red at the injection site

Fever/ chills

Headache

Fatigue

Muscle aches

Nausea

These mild side effects start around 6 hours after vaccination and last 1-2 days. If needed, treat pain and fever with paracetamol.

These side effects show your body is building an immune response. If you do not get side effects, it does not mean that your body is not building an immune response.

Rare side-effects affecting between 1 and 7 people for every million vaccinations given.

They include a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis (within minutes to hours) and a rare form of blood clots (between 4 days and 3 weeks).

Western Cape Government

If you have any questions about COVID-19 vaccine side effects, contact the Western Cape call centre: **0860 142 142.**