

Get your COVID-19 vaccine

What you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine:

Protect yourself and your community by getting all the recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Getting all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses, provides strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 infection.
- Vaccination is still recommended after you have had a COVID-19 infection and may strengthen protection against current and future variants of the virus. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and recommended intervals between doses, visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines.



For children 6 months to 11 years of age:



- Children should get all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. This is especially important for children who have underlying medical conditions.
- The Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for children use a smaller dose than the adult COVID-19 vaccines. A lower dose works because children have a stronger immune response than adults.
- Children six months to five years of age receiving a COVID-19 vaccine are recommended to wait at least 14 days **before and after** receiving other vaccines. Children five years of age and older can get their COVID-19 vaccine at the same time, before or after other vaccines.
- For more information including resources and strategies on how to help your child prepare for their vaccination, visit halton.ca/COVIDvaccines4kids.

What to expect after getting a COVID-19 vaccine:

What should I do right after receiving the vaccine?

Wait for **5-15 minutes** to ensure you are feeling well. You may be asked to wait for **30 minutes** if there is a concern about a possible vaccine allergy.



Tell clinic staff if you are feeling unwell or if any of these symptoms develop:



Hives
(bumps on skin that are itchy)



Difficulty breathing



Swelling of your face, tongue or throat



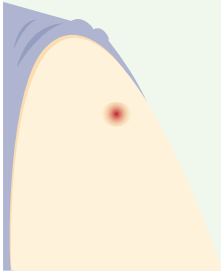
Dizziness

What symptoms are normal after vaccination?

Where you got the vaccine:

- Pain, redness, or swelling

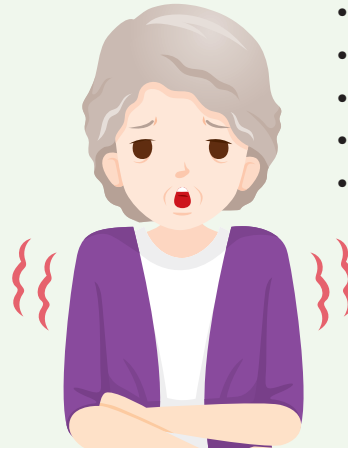
Note: Delayed pain, redness, and swelling can occur many days following vaccination. It is usually not serious and will clear up on its own.



Children six months to under two years may experience:

- irritability/crying
- sleepiness
- loss of appetite

Throughout the rest of your body:

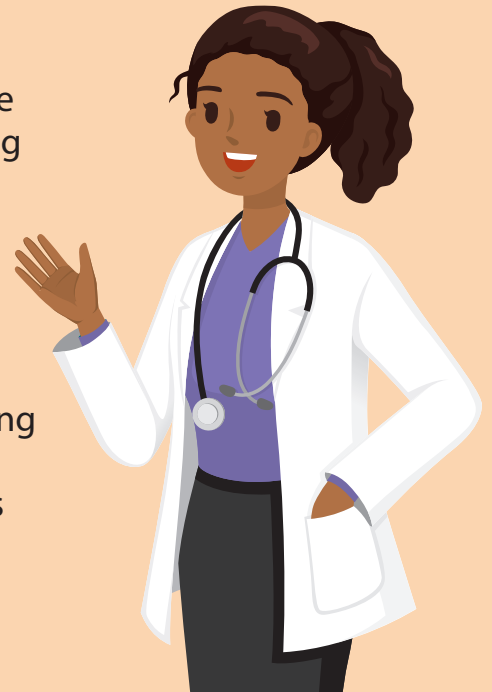


- fever
- chills
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle/joint pain

When to call your doctor:

Allergic reactions to the vaccine and other serious side effects are rare. However, symptoms may occur within a week after receiving the vaccine. Contact your doctor if you develop any of the symptoms below. If your symptoms are severe, call 911.

- hives or itchy skin
- swelling of the face or mouth
- trouble breathing or wheezing
- serious drowsiness
- high fever (over 40°C)
- convulsions or seizures
- muscle weakness/loss of feeling in the face
- chest pain, shortness of breath or excessive sweating
- feeling of a fast, pounding or fluttering heartbeat
- other serious symptoms (for example, “pins and needles” or numbness)



More Information:

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://www.halton.ca/COVIDvaccines).