**What you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccination**

**Before you get vaccinated, tell the person giving you the vaccination if you:**

* Have **any allergies, particularly anaphylaxis** (a severe allergic reaction) to a **previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine,** or to other vaccines or medications. Symptoms may include things like an **itchy rash, your tongue getting bigger, your breathing getting faster, you wheeze or your heart beating faster.**
* Have had a previous **allergic** reaction after **any other vaccine.**
* A known **allergy** to the following **components of the vaccine**. 1) Histidine 2) Magnesium Chloride hexahydrate 3) Disodium Edetate 4) Polysorbate 80.
* If you are **immunocompromised.** This means that you have a weakened immune system .
  + - Have been **COVID-19 positive before.**
    - Have a **bleeding disorder.**
    - Take **any medicine to thin your blood** (an anticoagulant therapy)
    - Are **pregnant or** you think **you might be** pregnant or are **breastfeeding.**
    - Have **been sick** with a **cough, sore throat, fever** **or** are feeling sick in **another way.**
    - Have had a **previous COVID-19 vaccination.**
    - Have **received any other vaccination in the last 14 days.**

**SIDE EFFECTS**

In clinical trials, the most commonly reported adverse events in the first week after vaccination were:

* Pain at the site of the injection (84.1%) – treat with Paracetamol (Panadol)
* Fatigue (62.9%) – treatment is rest
* Headache (55.1%) - treat with Paracetamol (Panadol)
* Generalised muscle pain (38.3%) - treat with Paracetamol (Panadol)
* Chills (31.9%) - treat with Paracetamol (Panadol), Rest and Fluids
* Joint pain (23.6) - treat with Paracetamol (Panadol)
* Fever (14.2%) - treat with Paracetamol (Panadol)
* Injection site swelling (10.5%) - treat with cold packs

**Some people may still get COVID-19 after vaccination. So you must still follow public health precautions as required in your state or territory to stop the spread of COVID-19 including:**

* Keep your distance – stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people
* Washing your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
* Wear a mask, if your state or territory has advised that you should
* Stay home if you are unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms and arrange to get a COVID-19 test.

**Vaccination providers record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register, as required by Australian law. You can view your vaccination record online through your:**

**Medicare account MyGov account MyHealthRecord**