

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE

- Most side effects from getting a vaccine are a sign that your body is starting to build immunity (protection) against a disease.
- The most common side effects after vaccination are mild. They include:
 - Pain, swelling, or redness where the shot was given.
 - Mild fever.
 - Chills.
 - Feeling tired.
 - Headache.
 - Muscle and joint aches.
 - Fainting, although uncommon, but which can happen after any medical procedure, including vaccinations.

COVID-19 VACCINE EFFICACY

- The current COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose vaccine. Vaccination is not considered complete without both dosages administered; the second dose is administered three to four weeks after the initial vaccine.
- Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

THE VACCINE'S ROLE IN THE PANDEMIC

- The vaccine won't end the pandemic unless the majority of the public is vaccinated. It's important that everyone participates so we can achieve community-wide immunity, which is indicated by a vaccination level of 70-85%.
- As we move toward achieving community-wide vaccination and immunity, it's important that people remember basic COVID-19 safety measures to stop the spread of disease: wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands, and stay home when you're sick. A COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.