

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Info and Resources

CDC Clinical Info on COVID-19 Vaccine and its Side Effects

As we begin COVID-19 vaccination administration to our staff and residents, it is important to understand the side effects of the inoculation.

The CDC released guidance to help health care providers differentiate between a possible COVID infection and vaccine reactions. [This slide show](#) gives an overview of this information and contains links within it to CDC guidance. It also discusses how vaccine side effects will be monitored by the recipient through the V-Safe monitoring system and the VAERS system.

- To access information about Post Vaccine Considerations for Long-Term Care Residents go here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-residents.html>.

Resources from the AMDA The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

The American Medical Directors Association/ The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine has several helpful resources.

- [PowerPoint presentation “COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Education” A Guide for Medical Directors](#)
- [Q and A about the COVID-19 vaccine for staff, patients, residents and family members](#)

Mayo Clinic article debunks COVID-19 vaccine myths

The Mayo Clinic recently published an article debunking COVID-19 vaccine myths. You can read the article [here](#).

Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents

While [this guidance](#) is intended for long-term care facilities, it could also be applied to patients in other healthcare settings. These considerations are based on the current understanding of signs and symptoms following COVID-19 vaccination, including timing and duration, and might change as experience with the vaccine accumulates.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities

Making sure long-term care facility residents can receive COVID-19 vaccination as soon as vaccine is available will help save the lives of those who are most at risk of dying from COVID-19. To learn more, please visit [frequently asked questions](#).

Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities

Based on [recommendations](#) from the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#), an independent panel of medical and public health experts, CDC recommends residents of long-term care facilities be included among those offered the first supply of COVID-19 vaccines. To learn more, please visit, [Vaccinating Long-Term Care Facility Residents](#).

Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

On December 12, 2020, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices issued an [interim recommendation](#) for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 in persons aged 16 years and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is a

lipid nanoparticle-formulated, nucleoside-modified mRNA vaccine encoding the prefusion spike glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. To learn more, please visit: [Vaccines & Immunizations](#).

Local Reactions, Systemic Reactions, Adverse Events, and Serious Adverse Events: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Among all study vaccine recipients asked to complete diaries of their symptoms during the 7 days after vaccination, 84.7% reported at least one local injection site reaction. By age group, 88.7% in the younger group (aged 18 to 55 years) and 79.7% in the older group (aged >55 years) reported at least one local reaction. To learn more, please visit: [Local Reactions](#).

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

The new [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](#) has information specific to Pfizer's vaccine, including resources to assist providers in storing, handling, and administering the vaccine.