

## National Immunisation Advisory Committee

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### Statement on duration of post vaccination observation

NIAC continues to recommend the guidance in the Anaphylaxis chapter of the Immunisation Guidelines

*"When possible, patients should remain in the vicinity for up to 15 minutes after vaccination".*

This applies after any child or adult vaccination because of the very rare possibility of anaphylaxis. In addition, syncope may occur with most cases occurring less than 5 minutes after vaccine administration.

In most instances, following vaccination there is a period of at least 5 minutes when the record card is being completed before the vaccinated person leaves the room.

To reduce the risk of possible exposure to coronavirus, the person may leave the premises after vaccination and remain in the vicinity for the remaining minutes, provided they (or their parent/ guardian) are given post vaccination advice and the vaccinated person is accompanied by an adult.

#### Reference

National Immunisation Advisory Committee. Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland. Anaphylaxis  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/anaphylaxis.pdf>