



# COVID-19 vaccine

## Important information about the Janssen (JCOvden) COVID-19 vaccine

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# What to expect after your Janssen COVID-19 vaccine



Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects.

There are different side effects for different COVID-19 vaccines.



Most of these will not make you very sick and will not last too long.



Not everyone gets side effects after a vaccine.



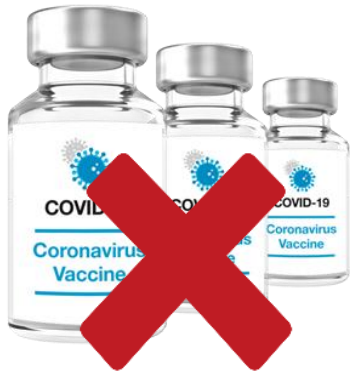
In this leaflet, we will tell you about the side effects of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

We will tell you who should not get this vaccine.

## Who should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine?



You will only be given the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you are over 50 years of age.



You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you have had a bad reaction to any of the ingredients.

You can find out about the ingredients here:

[www.hse.ie/covid19VaccinePIL](http://www.hse.ie/covid19VaccinePIL)



You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you had a bad reaction to the first dose of this COVID-19 vaccine or the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.



Talk to your doctor before getting the vaccine.

Tell your doctor if you had a bad reaction to any vaccine or medication before.



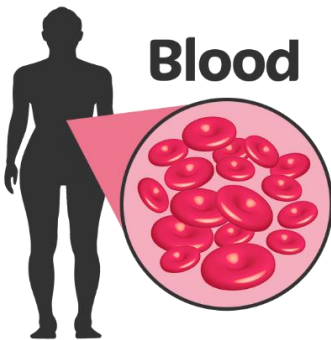
Talk to your doctor before getting this vaccine if you have ever had an illness called Thrombocytopenia.

This illness means you do not have enough platelets in your blood.

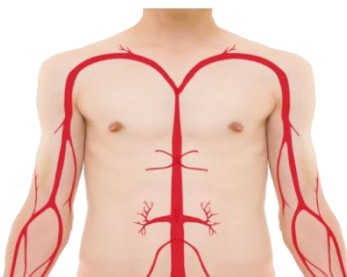
You will need to have your platelets checked after this vaccine.



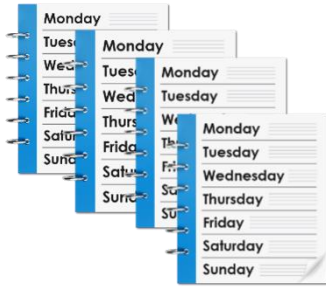
You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you have been told by your doctor that you should not have this vaccine or the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.



You should not get the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine if you had blood clots with low platelets after getting the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.



You should not get this vaccine if you have had an illness called Capillary Leak Syndrome before.



Talk to your doctor if you recently had the monkeypox vaccine.

You need to wait 4 weeks before you get a COVID-19 vaccine because there could be a risk of myocarditis.

## What are the side effects of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine?



Some people get side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine.



Some of the side effects of the Janssen vaccine are:

- soreness, swelling, redness where you had the injection
- sore back
- sore head
- weakness or pain in your muscles
- sore knees, elbows, and other joints
- pain in the arms and legs
- feeling sick
- Diarrhoea
- cough
- pain in your throat
- sneezing





- feeling dizzy
- feeling tired or having no energy
- chills or fever - a high temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- sweating a lot
- tingling or crawling feeling on your skin
- a rash
- a tremor
- feeling unwell.

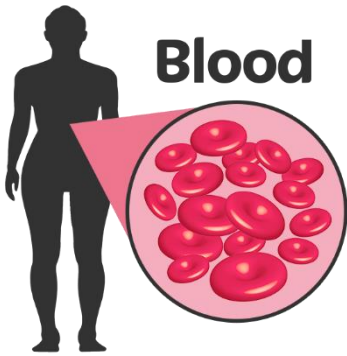


Some people get other side effects.

These do not happen often.

Rarely people may:

- have hives and itchy skin
- have swollen lymph glands
- have ringing in the ears
- have a weakness in the muscles on one side of your face
- get sick
- get blood clots in the deep veins
- have less sensation in the skin.



Very rarely, a person may get a blood clot with low platelets.

Get medical help if after the vaccine you:

- are short of breath
- have pain in your chest or stomach
- have swelling or coldness in a leg
- have a bad headache
- feel confused
- have a seizure
- have blurred vision
- have bleeding under your skin
- have lots of bruises.



People reported very rare blood clots with low platelets within 14 days of getting this vaccine.

Watch out for these symptoms in the weeks after your vaccination.





Very rarely, a person might get signs of an illness called Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

This illness affects the nerves in your body.

It causes pain, numbness, weak muscles and difficulty walking.

Get medical help quickly if you:

- have double vision or difficulty moving your eyes
- have difficulty swallowing, speaking or chewing
- have coordination problems, feel unsteady or have difficulty walking
- feel weakness in and cannot move your arms, legs, chest or face
- have tingling sensations in your hands or feet
- have problems going to the toilet.



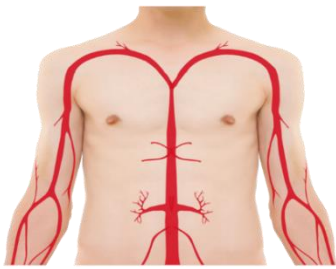
It is extremely rare for someone to have a severe allergic reaction to the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

Your vaccinator is trained to treat you if you have a serious allergic reaction.



Extremely rarely, a person may have:

- very low levels of blood platelets
- swelling of the blood vessels
- swelling of the spinal cord.



Extremely rarely, a person may get signs of Capillary Leak Syndrome.

This causes fluid leaks from the small blood vessels.

The risk of this happening is very low.



Watch for the signs and get medical help quickly if you have any of these symptoms after the Janssen vaccine:

- Your legs and arms swell up quickly
- You put on weight suddenly
- You feel faint.



People usually reported Capillary Leak Syndrome within 4 days of getting this vaccine.

Watch out for these symptoms in the days after your vaccination.



## Where can I get more information about the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine?



You can get more information online at [www.hse.ie/covid19Vaccinmaterials](http://www.hse.ie/covid19Vaccinmaterials)

You can read the patient information leaflet here: [www.hse.ie/covid19VaccinePIL](http://www.hse.ie/covid19VaccinePIL)



You can phone the HSE Live helpline.  
The number is  
1800 700 700

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For the latest information on this COVID-19 vaccine, go to [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie)