



COVID-19 vaccine

Important information about the Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine

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What to expect after your Novavax 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.



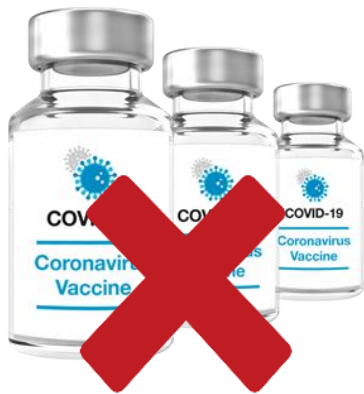
Not everyone gets side effects after a vaccine.



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

We will tell you who should not get this vaccine.

Who should not get the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine?



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

This includes an ingredient called polysorbate 80.

You can find out about the ingredients here:

www.hse.ie/covid19Vaccine

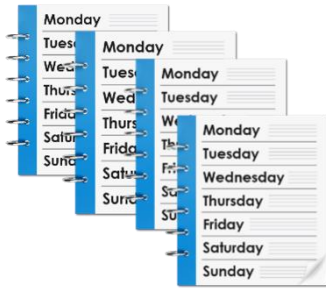


You should not get the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine if you had a bad reaction to the first dose of this COVID-19 vaccine.



Talk to your doctor before you get this vaccine if you had a bad reaction to any vaccine or medication before.

Talk to your Doctor if you had myocarditis or pericarditis after a COVID-19 vaccine 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 Novavax COVID-19 vaccine?

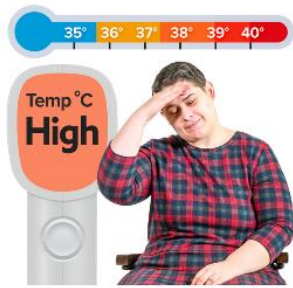


Some people get side effects from this COVID-19 vaccine.



Some of the side effects of the Novavax vaccine are:

- feeling tired
- feeling unwell
- sore head
- feeling sick or getting sick
- sore or red arm where you had the injection
- sore knees, elbows, or other joints
- sore muscles



Around 1 in 10 people might get a fever or chills.

They might get pain in their hands or feet.

They might get redness or swelling where the vaccine was given.



Some people get other side effects.

These do not happen often.

Rarely people may have:

- swelling of the lymph glands
- high blood pressure for a few days after the injection
- a rash
- itchy or red skin
- itchy where the vaccine was given
- hives.

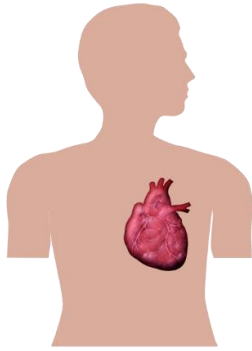


It is extremely rare for someone to have a severe allergic reaction to the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine.

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



It is extremely rare, but a person might get a tingling sensation, or loss of sensation, in some part of the body.



Very rarely, a person may get a problem with their heart or lining of their heart after getting Novavax COVID-19 vaccine.

This is called Myocarditis or Pericarditis.

The symptoms of myocarditis and pericarditis are:

- being out of breath
- fast heartbeat
- chest pain.

Contact your doctor straight away if you have any of these symptoms.

These symptoms can develop within a few days after getting the vaccine and have mostly happened within 14 days.

Where can I get more information about the Novavax Covid-19 vaccine?



You can get more information online at www.hse.ie/covid19Vaccinmaterials

You can read the patient information leaflet here: 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)