What you need to know after you’ve been vaccinated

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, highly effective against serious illness, and reduce the risk of infecting others.

- Vaccines often cause bodies to respond in a way that shows the vaccine is working. This is healthy, normal, and expected.
- You may get a sore arm, headache, fever, or body aches. These symptoms should go away in a few days.
- If redness or soreness where you got the shot gets worse after 24 hours, or if your symptoms do not go away after a few days, call a doctor.

- You will get a COVID-19 Vaccination Card. Keep this card for future use.
- You should get a booster dose at least two months after a first dose of Johnson & Johnson or at least five months after a Moderna or Pfizer primary vaccination series. Booster doses are an important way to strengthen your protection against COVID-19 and its variants. To learn more about booster doses and eligibility, visit covid.ri.gov/boosterdoses.
- You still need to wear a mask in certain places like healthcare settings, public transportation, and businesses that require it. Find the full list at covid.ri.gov/prevention.
- If you get symptoms of COVID-19, isolate at home, call your healthcare provider, and get a COVID-19 test. Find a test site near you at covid.ri.gov/testing.
- V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that checks in on you after your COVID-19 vaccination. Your participation helps keep COVID-19 vaccines safe — for you and for everyone. Register at vsafe.cdc.gov, or aim your smartphone’s camera at this code:

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