What you need to know after you’ve been vaccinated

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, highly effective against serious illness, and reduces 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. They should go away within a few days.
• If the 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 your doctor.

After you have been vaccinated, continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

• Because there still may be a small chance you can become infected and spread the virus to others once you’ve gotten any COVID-19 vaccine, please do the following:
  - Wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands
  - Continue testing for COVID-19
• 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 v-safe.cdc.gov, or aim your smartphone’s camera at this code:

If you have made any other COVID-19 vaccine appointments (except your second dose appointment), please cancel them so other eligible people can get vaccinated.