



## FAQs on Side-effects

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**What are the expected immediate and delayed side effects of these vaccines?**

### Covishield®

*Some mild symptoms may occur like injection site tenderness, injection site pain, headache, fatigue, myalgia, malaise, pyrexia, chills, arthralgia and nausea. Very rare events of demyelinating disorders have also been reported following vaccination with this vaccine but without the causal relationship establishment.*

### Covaxin®

*Some mild symptoms/AEFIs may occur like injection site pain, headache, fatigue, fever, body ache, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, dizziness-giddiness, tremor, sweating, cold, cough and injection site swelling. No other vaccine-related serious adverse effects have been reported.*



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**What are the contraindication of both the vaccines?**

### Contraindication

i. Persons with a history of:

- Anaphylactic or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Immediate or delayed-onset anaphylaxis or allergic reaction to vaccines or injectable therapies, pharmaceutical products, food items, etc.



## ii. Pregnancy & Lactation:

- ✓ Pregnant & Lactating women have not been part of any COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial so far. Therefore, women who are pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy, and lactating women should not receive the COVID-19 vaccine during this period.

### Provisional/temporary contraindications: In these conditions, COVID vaccination is to be deferred for 4-8 weeks after recovery

- ✓ Persons having active symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- ✓ SARS-CoV-2 patients who have been given anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma
- ✓ Acutely unwell and hospitalized (with or without intensive care) patients due to any illness.

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## Which drug should be taken to minimize the adverse effects of this vaccine?



In case of minor adverse effects such as injection site pain, tenderness, malaise, pyrexia, etc. paracetamol may be used to alleviate the symptoms.

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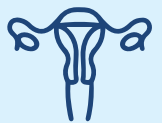
## Should you avoid alcohol after receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine?



As per experts, there is no evidence of alcohol impairing the effectiveness of the vaccine.

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## Claims on social media suggested that Covid-19 vaccine could affect female fertility. Is it true?



Rumours or social media posts suggesting that COVID-19 vaccines could cause infertility are not true and are totally baseless. Such rumours were floated in the past against other vaccines also, e.g. polio and measles. None of the available vaccines affects fertility. All vaccines and their constituents are tested first on animals and later on humans to assess if they have any such side effects. Vaccines are authorized for use only after their safety and efficacy is assured.