



COVID-19 Vaccination Side Effects and Reporting to Work Following Vaccination

- **After receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, you may experience some or all of these common side effects, starting the day you are vaccinated and 2 days after:**

Pain and/or swelling at the injection site	Tiredness / Fatigue
Fever	Headache
Chills	

Over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen, may be helpful, if you normally tolerate such medicines.

- **If you experience side effects following vaccination, should you report to work?**

It will typically be safe for you to continue working following vaccination if:

- a) You are experiencing mild pain, swelling, chills, tiredness, and/or headache following your COVID-19 vaccination.
 - b) You feel able to safely and effectively perform your job duties, as well as commute to and from work.
 - c) You did not have symptoms of COVID-19 **prior** to being vaccinated (including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea).
 - d) You do not currently have any of the following symptoms of COVID (these are *not* common side effects of the vaccine): cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, runny nose.
 - e) You do not have a fever of 100.0 degrees F or higher.
 - f) Within the past 14 days, you have had no known close contact with someone being tested or who is positive for COVID-19.
- and***
- g) You continue to properly wear all Personal Protective Equipment required for your job, and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others whenever possible.

Please note: If you are able to work following vaccination, as outlined above, please notify the Brethren Village screener that you were vaccinated, when you stop at the “symptom-screening Hut” before beginning your work shift.

You will be allowed to proceed through the Hut even if you are experiencing mild side effects from the vaccine, as long as all items listed directly above apply.

➤ **Contact your health care provider and do not report to work if:**

- You experience an allergic reaction to the vaccine (call 9-1-1 for a severe reaction).
- Any redness, tenderness, or pain at the injection site *increases* after 24 hours.
- Vaccination side effects (including fever, chills, fatigue, headache) do not go away within 72 hours of being vaccinated, or are severe.
- You have any of these symptoms of COVID-19, which are not common side effects of vaccination: cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or runny nose.
- You have a fever of 100.0 degrees F or higher.

or

- You have had close contact with someone being tested or who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If unable to report to work as outlined above, please notify your supervisor and remain off the Brethren Village campus until cleared to return to work by your health care provider and per Brethren Village's 'COVID-19 Team Member Absence Guidelines'.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>.

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>

You may find the 'COVID-19 Team Member Absence Guidelines' at www.bv.org.

For specific questions regarding your health and safety, the COVID-19 vaccine, or COVID-19 testing, please contact your health care provider.