An Important Update from the **Infection Prevention Team**



Managing Post-Vaccination Symptoms

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A new element of BAYADA's safety strategies is the COVID-19 vaccination. Based on current data, the vaccination may cause systemic symptoms post-vaccination. While there is still much to learn about the vaccine and the symptoms associated with it, we want to share what we currently know about post-vaccination symptoms.

Comparing post-vaccination symptoms with symptoms of COVID-19 infection

Common Post-Vaccination Symptoms

Localized pain, swelling, or erythema at the injection site

COVID-19 Infection OR Post-Vaccination Symptoms

- Fever
- Chills
- · Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- · Nausea or vomiting

Symptoms of COVID-19 Infection

- Cough
- · Shortness of breath
- · New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- · Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea

Staff who experience any signs or symptoms that could be consistent with COVID-19 should report them to their office immediately.

Most systemic post-vaccination signs and symptoms:

- Are mild to moderate in severity
- Resolve within one to two days
- Are more frequent and severe following the final dose (second dose for two-dose vaccines, and sole dose of single-dose vaccines) and among younger persons compared to those who are older (more than 55 years of age)
- May feel like flu and even affect your ability to do daily activities, but should go away in a few days

For the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, most post-vaccination symptoms occur within the first three days (the day of vaccination and following two days), with most occurring the day after vaccination. For the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine, post-vaccination symptoms have been observed within seven days post-vaccination among recipients and resolve within one to two days.

Please contact your office with questions or concerns.