Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna

What to Expect During & After Your Injection

The use of COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna is permitted under an interim authorization delivered in accordance with section 5 of the COVID-19 Interim Order (IO)*. Patients should be advised of the nature of the authorization. The interim authorization is associated with Terms and Conditions that need to be met by the Market Authorization Holder to ascertain the continued quality, safety and efficacy of the product. For further information on authorization under this pathway, please refer to Health Canada’s IO Respecting the Importation, Sale and Advertising of Drugs for Use in Relation to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna (mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 vaccine) is indicated for active immunization against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) virus in individuals 18 years of age and older.

*Available at Health Canada at www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html

Before you get the vaccine

Tell your vaccination provider if you:

- Have any allergies
- Have a fever
- Have a bleeding disorder or take blood thinners
- Are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- Are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or breastfeeding
- Have received another COVID-19 vaccine

For more information, visit https://www.modernacovid19global.com/ca/

After you get the vaccine

The following are common or very common side effects of COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna. Most of these side effects are mild and do not last long. Tell your doctor if you have side effects that bother you:

- Pain at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle ache and stiffness
- Chills
- Fever
- Swelling or redness at the injection site
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Enlarged lymph nodes

Talk to your vaccination provider if you have side effects that bother you or do not go away.

If you think you’re having an allergic reaction to the vaccine, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest hospital.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: Hives (bumps on the skin that are often very itchy); swelling of the face, tongue or throat; difficulty breathing

A second dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna is REQUIRED

Complete vaccination 4 weeks after your first dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna. To help remember that appointment:

Immediately schedule your next appointment after the first dose of your vaccine

Ask for a 2nd Dose Reminder Card to display prominently at home

Set a reminder on your mobile phone or calendar

For more information, talk to your vaccination provider or call Moderna Customer Care at: 1-866-MODERNA (1-866-663-3762)

What is COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna used for?

COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna is a vaccine used to prevent the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It can be given to adults aged 18 years and older.

Health Canada has authorized the sale of this COVID-19 vaccine under an Interim Order.