

Preparing for the COVID-19 Vaccine as a Deaf Person

Everyone who wants a vaccine should get one! COVID-19 vaccines are [safe and effective](#).

If you are one of the very few people who do get COVID-19 after getting the vaccine, you have much less chance of:

- [Getting very sick](#)
- [Going to the hospital](#)

The vaccine can have side effects for many people. You may experience no side effects or you may experience side effects for a few days. If you have a two injection vaccine, you may experience side effects after one, both, or none of the injections.

These [side effects](#) could include:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Tiredness
- Sore arm
- Swelling
- Fever
- Headache
- Nausea

There won't be interpreters at all vaccinations sites all of the time. If you need an interpreter make sure that you tell them that you are Deaf and need an interpreter. They may provide Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) instead if interpreters are not available.

After each injection, your arm might be quite sore for a few hours or more. If you use sign language you should still be able to sign.

If you have questions you can contact the [DeafBlind Service Center](#).

If you live in the Seattle and the Puget Sound region you can also contact the [Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center](#).

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