



Sputnik V (Dr. Reddy's COVID-19 Vaccine) Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I get vaccinated?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It spreads through contact with a person who has the virus, even if the person does not have any symptoms. The COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to help prevent COVID-19 disease after 2 doses. You may be protected 4 weeks after the second dose. It is not known how long protection against COVID-19 disease lasts.

What is Sputnik V vaccine?

Sputnik V vaccine helps prevent COVID-19 disease. Sputnik V has been given approval for restricted use in this emergency situation. The Sputnik V vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and will not give you COVID-19 disease.

Who should get vaccinated?

Adults 18 years of age and older should get vaccinated. You need two doses of the Sputnik V vaccine to be fully vaccinated. You should get the second dose 3 weeks after the first dose.

Who should not get the Sputnik V vaccine?

- You should not get the Sputnik V vaccine if you had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine or to any ingredient of the vaccine.
- You should not get the Sputnik V vaccine if you are currently sick or have a fever.
- You should not get the Sputnik V vaccine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

What should you tell your health care provider before getting the vaccine?

Tell your health care provider about all of your medical conditions, including:

- If you take any regular medication for any illness, for how long, and for which condition
- If you have ever had a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to any drug, food, any vaccine, or any ingredients of the Sputnik V vaccine
- If you have any history of allergies
- If you have fever
- If you have a bleeding disorder or are taking a blood thinner
- If you are immunocompromised or are taking a medicine that affects your immune system
- If you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding
- If you have received another COVID-19 vaccine

What are the possible side effects of the Sputnik V vaccine?

- Allergic reactions. These might include skin rash, itching or hives; swelling of the face, lips, or tongue; dizziness or weakness.
- Body aches and tiredness
- Fever



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- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Injection site pain, redness, swelling, or itching

What should I do if I have side effects after I get the vaccine?

- Most side effects are mild to moderate and get better within a few days. Paracetamol may be used to treat mild side effects. If any of your symptoms are bothersome or do not go away, seek advice from your health care provider.
- If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call or go to the nearest hospital.
- If you experience a side effect after vaccination, you can report it to Dr. Reddy's at 1800 425 0014 or customerservices@drreddys.com.

What else should I do to protect myself from COVID-19 disease?

- This vaccine, like all vaccines, may not fully protect everyone. Continue to follow all guidelines to prevent exposure including:
 - Wear a mask
 - Stay 6 feet away from other people in public places
 - Wash your hands often
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, handkerchief, or your flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze