

☑ For Your Information

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This message is for all Bozeman Health employees from Employee Health.

Reporting Any Side Effects after COVID-19 Immunization**Here's what's happening...**

Bozeman Health has, to date, administered 2,102 first doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. Of that total, 1,851 have been administered to employees and providers, and 250 have been administered to community first responders. We have administered 1,063 second doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine to employees and providers. Second doses administration of the Moderna vaccine will start next week.

While the majority of employees have shown no side effects after vaccine administration, a small number of employees have been reporting mild side effects. Some have reported pain or swelling at the injection site, while others have reported fever, chills, tiredness, and headache. Side effects usually go away in a few hours, up to a day. Over-the-counter medication may be used to help address side effects. Side effects are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

Here's what you need to do...

If you are experiencing any side effects after receiving either your first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, you need to contact Employee Health at 406-414-5566 or

employeehealthbdh@bozemanhealth.org to report those side effects. This helps our team better understand what folks are experiencing, and provides us with aggregated information to share with the Gallatin City-County Health Department and our community to inform them of what they can expect and encourage community immunization when the COVID-19 vaccine is more widely available.

In addition to reporting side effects to Employee Health, please be aware that V-safe is an additional reporting option. You may sign up at vsafe.cdc.gov. V-safe allows individuals to quickly report any side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine to the CDC so that they can continue to monitor side effects for the country.

Here's why...

Reporting an adverse reaction or side effect, even if you are uncertain that the vaccine caused the reaction, is important so that we can record, monitor, advise, and follow up with each employee.

Questions or comments? The Employee Health team is available:

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