

**Post Vaccination Handout**

***Symptoms following the Vaccine***

After receiving any vaccine, you may experience minor side effects. Most side effects are mild and last no more than a few days.

Common reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations include:

* A sore arm
* Headache
* Low level fever
* Muscle pain
* Chills
* Tiredness, or
* Joint pain.

If you have concerns about any symptoms after your vaccine, please go to the following website:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au>

Then, select the ***‘Symptom Checker’*** tab.

Alternatively, please phone the National Coronavirus Helpline on

***1800 020 080***(operating 24 hours a day)

If you think a COVID-19 vaccine has caused a side effect, you can report it. Reports of suspected side effects help the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety. You can report your side effects online by going to the following website:

<https://www.tga.gov.au>

Alternatively, please phone the National Coronavirus Helpline on

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***Need proof that you have received the COVID-19 Vaccine?***

You can obtain proof of having had the COVID-19 vaccine by:

* Accessing your Medicare Immunisation History via the MyGov website, MyGov app or Medicare Express Plus app
* Accessing your *My Health Record*
* Calling Medicare on 1800 653 809

***Important information about your 2nd COVID-19 vaccine***

Your 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is due **12 weeks after your first dose**. If you have had your 1st COVID-19 vaccine at Iona Medical Centre, we will contact you by either SMS or letter to notify you when it is due. *You will not be able to book your 2nd COVID-19 vaccination appointment until you receive this notification.*

Finally, please note that you **cannot** have your Fluvax within 14 days of having had your COVID-19 vaccine.