



Recognition and treatment of erythema

...erythema is a common side effect of the COVID-19 vaccines. It is characterized by a red, itchy rash that typically appears within a few days of vaccination. The rash is usually mild and resolves on its own within a few days. Treatment options include over-the-counter antihistamines and topical corticosteroids. If the rash is severe or persistent, medical attention should be sought.

What are the possible side-effects of the vaccines?

All vaccines can cause side-effects. Usually, only mild effects may be experienced which disappear quickly (Lewandowsky, et. al., 2021; NCIRS, 2020). Common side effects are reported to be very similar to those that you may experience with other vaccines. These are normal as the immune system is being trained. Examples include: soreness, redness or swelling at the injection site, and redness for a few days (ATAGI, 2021b; NCIRS, 2020).

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