

CoV-2 spike protein and the patient develops an immune response to it.

It can be stored at refrigerated temperatures

The Janssen vaccine can be stored at refrigerated temperatures between 2C and 8C for three months, making it easy to transport across the country, especially to more remote locations.

Most side effects are 'mild to moderate'

Based on clinical trials, the most common side effects of the Janssen vaccine are headaches, nausea, muscle aches, pain at the injection site and fatigue, which patients can expect to feel within two days after receiving the vaccination.

The most rare side effect, which can affect up to one in 1,000 people is an allergic reaction, including hives.

Health Canada said most of the side effects are "mild to moderate in intensity" and will clear within one to two days. However, serious adverse side effects to the vaccine occurred in 0.4 per cent of clinical trial participants. This included anaphylaxis.

Health Canada notes that each patient will be monitored for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine and health professionals will be checking for any allergic reactions during that time.

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