

| Signs or Symptoms | Anaphylaxis | Faint |
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| Onset | Rapid, sudden onset and progressive life threatening condition LIFE THREATENING | Before, during or within minutes of vaccine administration. Usually gradual but can be sudden NON-LIFE THREATENING |
| Airway | Swelling to lips, tongue. Stridor. Hoarse voice | Normal |
| Breathing | Cough, wheeze or signs of respiratory distress (rapid breathing, cyanosis) | Normal – may be shallow. Not labored |
| Circulation | Tachycardia , with weak/absent central pulse. Sustained hypotension | Bradycardia but with strong central pulse. Hypotension transient – corrects in supine position |
| Disability | Sense of severe anxiety/ impending doom. Confusion, agitation, loss of consciousness | Dizziness, nausea, temporary loss of consciousness with rapid recovery |
| Exposure | Swelling, general red rash, raised itchy rash | Pale, cool and clammy skin |
| Course of Action | 999 | Position patient, reassure and monitor |
| Treatment | Administer Adrenaline 1:1000 as per local policy and repeat after 5 mins if there is no improvement. | Lay patient on their back with legs raised. Monitor recovery and allow them to sit up on their own time. There should be rapid recovery and return to normal consciousness within a few minutes. |