Which arm is best for COVID-19 vaccine shot?

By: abc15.com staff

Posted at 9:45 PM, Feb 16, 2021 and last updated 12:35 AM, Feb 17, 2021

As more Arizonans start to become eligible for their second COVVID-19 vaccine, some wonder if they should be asking the healthcare workers administering the shots to inject them in a different location than their first dose.

FULL COVERAGE: COVID-19 vaccine in Arizona

Arizona Medical Association President Dr. Ross Goldberg says that isn't necessary.

"I have not heard anything making a difference," in relation to where a patient is injected, he says.

He does suggest that if a patient is right-handed, they consider having the shot administered in their left arm and vice versa in case they experience any soreness.

"If you're worried about it and your more dominant handed, yeah it doesn't hurt to get it in the other arm, just in case," says Goldberg.

He says he received both doses in the exact same area.

The mission of ABC15's Health Insider series is to dive deeper into the things impacting your health and the health of those around you. We're going in-depth with expert advice from people who know it, see it every day in their work and study it. Have a story idea? Contact the team at HealthInsider@abc15.com.