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- **Waterproof bandages** (if you use this method to keep the site dry in the shower)
- **Zip lock bags** (to put dressings and scab in prior to putting in trash)
- **Large garbage bag** (to hold separate laundry, unless have another container)

While your vaccine safety monitor will change many dressings for you, you will likely change them after showers, on weekends, etc. On average, you will be doing site care for 2 -3 weeks. You should not use any ointments or salves. The site heals best when it is kept dry and loosely covered.

Change dressings where you have ready access to soap and hot water.

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