

Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty[®] Vaccine for 5-11 Years of Age



- Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to be protected from COVID-19.
- Health Canada has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty[®] vaccine for children and youth ages five to 11 years. The vaccine is safe with no serious side effects.
- In clinical trials, the vaccine was found to be highly effective (over 90%) at protecting against COVID-19 for children ages five to 11 years.
- Although children and youth are less likely to get really sick from COVID-19, they can still:
 - get sick from COVID-19;
 - be infected and not have any symptoms;
 - experience longer-term effects if they do get infected;
 - get a rare but serious complication from COVID-19 called multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C); and
 - spread COVID-19 to others, including those under five years of age who are not yet eligible for vaccination.
- Two doses of vaccine are required to be fully vaccinated. You need to wait eight weeks before getting the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty[®] vaccine.
- The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered through a combination of school-based clinics and community clinics. You can choose which option works best for you and your child.
- More information will be available through your school and you can also visit www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/gettheshot for the most up-to-date information.
- Being vaccinated helps prevent the virus from spreading to family and friends, and to people more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.
- Vaccination also supports children to continue their routines of daily life and not miss out on important things such as attending school.
- You are encouraged to discuss vaccination with your child prior to attending a clinic. Visit www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine for resources to help you and your child prepare for their appointment.