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# FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS & CAREGIVERS PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN INDIVIDUALS 5 YEARS OF AGE AND UP

You are being offered the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine ("Pfizer Vaccine") to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2. The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine and may protect you from getting COVID-19 or may lessen the symptoms if you do get COVID-19. The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone. This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, visit <a href="www.cvdvaccine.com">www.cvdvaccine.com</a>. The Pfizer Vaccine is available for ages 5-11 under an Emergency Use Authorization, and has been fully approved by the FDA for all individuals age 12 and up.

#### WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 disease is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has never been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or diarrhea.

#### WILL THE PFIZER VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?

No. The Pfizer Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.

# WHAT SHOULD I MENTION TO MY VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE I GET THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE?

Tell your vaccination provider about all of your health conditions, including if you:

- Have any allergies
- Have a fever
- Have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- Are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Have received another COVID-19 vaccine

#### WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE?

You should not get the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine if you had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine or a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient in this vaccine.

#### HOW IS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN?

The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine is given as an injection into the muscle. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination series is given as 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, with a booster shot after six months.

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Visit <u>www.myturn.ca.gov</u> to find an appointment near you to get your second dose on the date indicated to the right →	LOCATION FOR SECOND DOSE
You are getting your SECOND DOSE of the vaccine.	
You are getting your BOOSTER SHOT of the vaccine.	

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE?

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine include: injection site pain, swelling, or redness; tiredness; headache; muscle pain; chills; joint pain; fever; feeling unwell; swollen lymph nodes; non-severe allergic reactions such as rash, itching, hives, or facial swelling; and severe allergic reactions.

There is a very small chance that the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- Severe rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

These may not be all of the possible side effects of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. If you are experiencing these severe side effects, alert a medical observer at the vaccination site or call 911.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital. If you are experiencing mild side effects that are bothering you or don't go away, contact your vaccination provider or your healthcare provider.

#### MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD

When you receive your first dose, you will get a white CDC Vaccination Record Card. Keep this and take a photo for your records. Remember to bring your card when you return for a second or booster dose.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, visit <u>www.cvdvaccine.com</u> or call 1-877-VAX-CO19 (1-877-829-2619). To access the most recent Fact Sheets, visit <u>www.cvdvaccine.com</u>.

#### **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

- Ask your vaccination provider.
- Visit the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Contact your local or state public health department.

#### LOST YOUR VACCINATION CARD?

Visit <a href="https://www.equivax.org/vaccine-card-replacement-request">https://www.equivax.org/vaccine-card-replacement-request</a> and submit a request to have a new card issued.

## CAN'T FIND YOUR DIGITAL VACCINATION RECORD?

Visit <a href="https://www.equivax.org/digital-vaccine-record-request-form">https://www.equivax.org/digital-vaccine-record-request-form</a> and submit a request to have our medical team update your digital record.