

Consent form for children aged 5 to 11 years: Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccination



Before completing this form we recommend you read the information sheet on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11: information sheet for parents and guardians on the Department of Health website (www.health.gov.au).

Patient Information

The **Comirnaty (Pfizer)** COVID-19 vaccine can prevent children from becoming ill from COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccination is free and you can choose whether your child has the vaccination or not. You can discuss any concerns or questions you have about COVID-19 vaccination for your child with your GP before they receive the vaccine.

The **Comirnaty (Pfizer)** vaccine schedule for children is 2 doses, given 8 weeks apart. This interval can be shortened in special circumstances to a minimum of 3 weeks.

Although most children who get COVID-19 have a mild illness, some children, including those with no history of health conditions, can become very unwell with COVID-19. Children with some medical conditions (including chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, neurological disease, obesity and immune-compromise) have a higher risk of becoming seriously ill or needing to be admitted to hospital if they get COVID-19.

Children can transmit the virus to others, including older family members who are at higher risk of becoming seriously ill. Infected children often miss out on school and other activities. When children are vaccinated, the risk that they will become infected and spread COVID-19 to family members, friends and others around them is reduced.

Medical experts have studied COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they are safe and effective. Most side effects are mild. Expected side effects in the first one to two days after vaccination are less common in children than in teenagers and young adults. The most common side effects include a pain at the injection site, headache, tiredness, fever and chills, joint pain, muscle pain and vomiting. These usually go away on their own or are treated with over the counter medication like paracetamol or ibuprofen. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has a very rare risk of heart inflammation (called myocarditis or pericarditis). Myocarditis and/or pericarditis occurs very rarely in younger people, including adolescents and children 12 years of age and older, who have had the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine. The rate and severity of myocarditis in children is expected to be lower than that in adolescents, and more mild. Myocarditis is more commonly seen in males under 30 years of age after the second dose. Most people who have had these conditions after their vaccine have recovered fully.

You child will be asked to remain in the centre for 15 minutes observation after their vaccination, but if they have had a previous history of anaphylaxis to a vaccine they will be required to wait for 30 minutes.

Vaccinated people can still get COVID-19. Even if they have no symptoms, or only mild symptoms, they could still pass the virus on to others. This is why it is important after vaccination to continue other preventative measures, such as: distancing, wearing a mask, enhanced personal hygiene (hand washing/sanitising), staying at home if unwell with cold-like symptoms and promptly getting tested for COVID-19.

Vaccination providers record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register, as required by Australian Law. You can view this online in your Medicare/ MyGov/MyHealthRecord account. For information on how personal details are collected, stored and used visit <https://www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines>

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Consent Checklist

		Yes	No
1.	Has your child recently been sick with a cough, sore throat or fever, or been feeling unwell in any way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Has your child had COVID-19 before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Has your child had a COVID-19 vaccination before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Has your child had a serious reaction to a vaccine or medication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Does your child have a weakened immune system (immunocompromise) or any immune disorders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Does your child have a bleeding disorder or other blood disorder, or take any medicine to thin their blood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Has your child ever had any problems with their heart?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are you a parent/guardian/substitute decision maker who has the authority to provide consent for vaccination on behalf of this child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered **Yes** to any of questions 1 to 7, your child may still be able to receive the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine, however you should talk to your child's GP, immunisation specialist or cardiologist first to discuss the best timing of vaccination and whether any additional precautions are needed.

Consent to receive COVID-19 vaccine

- I have received and understood information provided to me on COVID-19 vaccination for the child named below
- None of the above conditions apply to this child, or that I have discussed these conditions and any other special circumstances with my regular health care provider and/or vaccination provider
- I am the child's parent, guardian or substitute decision-maker
- I have the authority to provide consent for this child and I agree to the child named above receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Patient's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian/Substitute
decision maker's name: _____

Parent/Guardian/Substitute
decision maker's signature: _____

Date: _____

Doctor Use Only

- Nurse to administer COMIRNATY (Pfizer 5 to 11 years) 0.2mL (following dilution) IM

Doctor's Name: _____

Doctor's signature: _____

Date: _____