Information on coronavirus vaccination

for children aged 5 to 11

**Why vaccination is important**

Children who attend daycare centres and primary schools come into contact with many other children. Social distancing and proper hygiene are not always possible. As a result, the risk of contracting coronavirus and giving it to others is high.

Vaccination can protect your child from serious illness and the long-term effects of COVID-19, or long COVID.

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**The Standing Committee on Vaccination recommends vaccination**

- for children with pre-existing medical conditions, such as asthma, serious chronic heart conditions, nerve conditions, renal illness or severe obesity
- for children who have extensive contact with at-risk individuals, such as elderly or chronically ill persons

More information on the Standing Committee on Vaccination’s recommendation for children and adolescents

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**Safety**

Right now, children aged 5 to 11 may only receive the Comirnaty vaccine from BioNTech/Pfizer. They will receive a smaller dose than adults do. The vaccine has been tested extensively and is recommended by the Standing Committee on Vaccination. It is also subject to constant monitoring and review.

Possible side effects include pain at the site of injection, fatigue or headache. Fever is a rare side effect. Such reactions are normal and usually go away after a few days. Most children tolerate the vaccination well.

More information about the vaccine and possible side effects

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**Vaccination appointments**

You can get your child vaccinated at your paediatrician’s surgery, a vaccination centre or by a mobile vaccination team.

You can also find out more on your local community’s official website.

Two injections three to six weeks apart are necessary for full protection. Your child is fully protected two weeks after the second injection.

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Talk to your paediatrician and ask for more information if you are still not sure whether vaccination is right for your child.

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Questions? More services from the BZgA:

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