



Sioux Lookout
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Script: COVID-19 Vaccine Facts for Youth

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Hello/Boozhoo listeners. This is _____.

Operation Remote Immunity 2.0 begins on May 31. Youth aged 12-17 can get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. So today, we are reviewing some information about the vaccine.

We will go through a series of questions. After we read out the question, we will give you some facts.

Let's begin.

Question 1: Why can youth get vaccinated now?

The first vaccine studies focused on adults. That is why the first clinics were for people over the age of 18. A recent study by Pfizer involved youth over the age of 12. The vaccine was found to be safe and 100% effective. So, after careful consideration, Health Canada has approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for people 12 and up.

Question 2: I know someone who is 10. Can they get the vaccine?

At this time, only people over the age of 12 can get the vaccine. Other studies with children under the age of 12 are happening. We hope to have some results soon.

Question 3: Why can youth only get the Pfizer vaccine?

The Pfizer vaccine is the one that has been fully tested on youth and approved by Health Canada. Other vaccine studies are underway. When their research has finished and been reviewed, more vaccines may become available. Until we learn more, youth from the ages of 12-17 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine.

Question 4: Can you get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No, you cannot. The vaccines do not contain the live virus.



Question 5: Is the vaccine safe since it was developed so quickly?

Yes, the vaccine is safe. It went through the same trial phases and passed the same tests as all our other vaccines. It was developed more quickly because we have a great need for it. Many resources are being put towards vaccine research. So, researchers can do many trial phases at the same time.

Question 6: Can someone get the COVID-19 vaccine if they have a chronic health condition like diabetes or asthma?

Yes, they can. Those with chronic health conditions are at risk for more serious illness if they get COVID-19. So, it can be a good idea for these people to get the vaccine when it is offered to them. But, if anyone has questions or concerns, they should speak with their doctor or nurse.

Question 7: Can the vaccine make you magnetic?

No. The vaccine cannot make a person magnetic. The vaccine does not contain a microchip or any other metals. The vaccine is made up of sugars, fats, salts, and the medical ingredient.

Question 8: Do youth need parental consent to get vaccinated?

Youth aged 12-17 can consent to getting the vaccine. They need read through the information sheet first. It is important that they understand three things.

- What is involved in getting the vaccine
- Why the vaccine is recommended
- The benefits and risks of choosing or refusing the vaccine

It may be helpful to talk to a family member. If youth can't consent on their own, then a caregiver can give consent.

Question 9: Do you need to wear a mask after you get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. It will take a long time to vaccinate everyone. Until that happens, it is important to keep wearing a mask for everyone's safety. And to keep following the other public health measures in your community.



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We hope this has helped answer some of your questions. We understand that you may have more. If you still have questions, you can send them to acwinfo@slfnha.com.

When you are reading or listening to information, make sure it is from sources that you trust. One of the best places to go for information on the vaccine is your nursing station or health care provider.

In closing, we want to remind you about NAN Hope. NAN Hope is a mental health and addictions support access program. It is for all NAN citizens. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. So, if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, reach out. You can speak with someone by calling 1-844-626-4673. If you would prefer to connect another way, you can visit nanhope.ca. On the main page, you will find a text and live chat option.

Miigwetch and stay safe everyone.