



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Information Sheet

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5 and Up

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- We are awaiting approval for the Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine for children between the ages of 5-11.
- Many children experience mild illness if they are infected with COVID-19. But they are still at risk for severe illness and longer-term effects. The COVID-19 vaccine can protect children and their households.
- A study of the children's vaccine reports that it is 90.7% effective. Children develop a similar immune response to young adults.
- No serious side effects were reported in children in the vaccine trial. Experts will continue to watch the vaccine closely.
- Children will receive one third of the dose that adults were given.
- Children also need two doses of the vaccine. They are given at least 3 weeks apart.
- Children may experience some mild side effects. Side effects show that the vaccine is helping build immunity to the virus. Children may feel sore or see some redness or swelling where the vaccine was given. Some may have a headache or other muscle or body aches. Some children may feel tired, nauseous, or have a low-grade fever. Side effects tend to go away within 72 hours. Traditional medicines may help relieve some side effects.
- Children are fully vaccinated 14 days after getting their second dose. They need to keep practicing all the recommended public health measures.

Questions?

Write to us at ACWinfo@slfnha.com. You can also join us for a Facebook Live Q and A with Dr. Lloyd Douglas. They happen Wednesdays at 5:00 pm central time.