



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

# CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Pfizer Comirnaty COVID-19 Vaccine

November 25, 2021

- Pfizer Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine was approved in Canada on December 9, 2020. The vaccine is available for anyone who is 12 or older. And a children's vaccine for those aged 5-11 was approved on November 19, 2021.
- The vaccine produces a strong immune response. Both the adult and children's vaccines are over 90% effective.
- The vaccine is given by needle, in two doses, into the muscle of the upper arm.
- Adults are given the doses at least 21 days apart. It is recommended that children receive the doses at least 8 weeks apart.
- Protection starts 2 weeks after the second dose and increases over time.
- It provides good protection against variants of concern like the Delta.
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. There is no live virus in it.
- Pregnant or breastfeeding people can safely get this vaccine. There is no evidence the vaccine affects fertility.
- Common side effects include pain at the injection site, body chills, tiredness, and fever. These side effects are not harmful and go away after a day or two.
- Allergic reactions and severe side effects are very rare. Talk with your community health team if you have allergies or other health conditions.
- Third doses are now being offered to Indigenous adults to strengthen their immune response. Speak with your community health team for clinic dates.

**Do you have any questions?** Write to us at: [ACWinfo@slfhna.com](mailto:ACWinfo@slfhna.com)

You can find a full version of this document, *Pfizer Comirnaty COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ*, on our website at: [www.slfhna.com/covid/](http://www.slfhna.com/covid/)

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