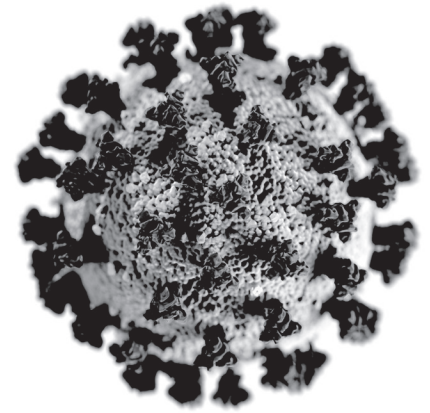


Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine



INFORMATION SHEET

- Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was approved for use in Canada on December 9, 2020.
- It is 95% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19. It may be less effective in the elderly.
- As of May 5, 2021, anyone 12+ years and older can have the Pfizer vaccine.
- 2 weeks after 1st dose you have protection and full protection 2 weeks after 2nd dose.
- It provides good protection against the B.1.1.7. and B.1.135 variants.
- It is given by needle, in two doses, into the muscle of the upper arm.
- The time interval between doses is 21 days.
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. There is no live virus in it.
- Pregnant or breastfeeding women can have this vaccine.
- 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 a history of allergies or other health conditions.

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