

COVID-19 Children's Vaccines at NFN

Register Children Aged 5 to 11 Years for a Pfizer Vaccine

November 24, 2021 – On November 19, 2021 Health Canada approved the Pfizer-BioNtech (Comirnaty) vaccine for children aged five to 11 years old. The vaccine will be offered in two doses, with eight weeks between the 1st and 2nd dose as recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).

The vaccine for children is one third (1/3) of the adult dose. Clinical trials have found this dose to be similar in efficacy (90.7%) as it is with the 16- to 26-year-old age group. No serious side effects have been reported. Possible side effects are similar to those experienced by people over the age of 12 years and include: sore arm, headache, fever, chills and nausea.

Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will continue to closely monitor the safety of this vaccine, and will take action if any safety concerns are identified.

While we await more details on the specific timing of vaccine shipments our Health Services team continues to accept registrations for children's vaccines when doses arrive.

To be eligible the following must apply:

1. Child is a NFN member, a member of a NFN household or lives on NFN.
2. Child is at least 5 years old by December 31, 2021 (born in 2016 or later).

To register for children's vaccines:

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for a COVID-19 vaccine, please call NFN Health Services Reception at **705-753-3312 ext. 2230** and provide your name (parent/guardian), your child(ren)'s name(s), date of birth and phone number to contact you to book an appointment when vaccines are available.

Let the Receptionist know if you require transportation and/or child care support to attend an appointment for a vaccine.

Youth and adult vaccines still available:

Pfizer vaccines are still available for youth, and Moderna vaccines are still available for adults. Call the Health Centre at **705-753-3312 ext. 2259** to book an appointment.