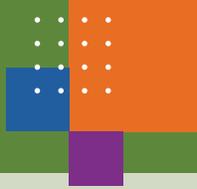


# FACT SHEET: Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits and Risks



**Understand the benefits and risks of receiving the two-dose Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which may prevent you from getting COVID-19. It is your choice to receive this vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions.**

## About this Vaccine

This vaccine has been given full approval by the FDA for persons 16 years and older. This vaccine has FDA emergency use authorization for people ages 12 to 15. This vaccine is a two-dose series, given three weeks apart, injected into the muscle.

## Benefits of this Vaccine

This vaccine has been shown to prevent illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19 following two doses given three weeks apart.

## What to Expect When You Get the Vaccine

General side effects reported with this vaccine include injection site reactions and headache, feeling very tired, muscle aches, nausea, and fever.

## Risks Associated with this Vaccine

**While there are small risks to getting the covid-19 vaccine, the benefits of getting vaccinated outweigh the risks:**

- **Severe Allergic Reaction:** There is a remote chance the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction (difficulty breathing, swelling of face and throat, fast heartbeat, bad rash all over your body, dizziness, weakness), which would usually occur a few minutes to one hour after getting the dose. If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1.
- **Myocarditis and Pericarditis:** There have been rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis following Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination, particularly in male adolescents and young adults, more often after getting the second dose than the first dose, and typically within several days of vaccination. You should seek medical attention if you experience symptoms of myocarditis or pericarditis, including chest pain, shortness of breath, and feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart.

## If You Experience Side Effects

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital. Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

## Vaccination Options

It is your choice to receive this vaccine. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 are available.

## More Information

[Pfizer: COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts](#), [COVID-19 Vaccines](#), [Pfizer BioNTech Vaccine Overview and Safety](#), [Understanding the mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#), or call 1-800-438-1985.

