

Vaccine in short for **Comirnaty (Pfizer/BioNTech)** against **COVID-19**

For children aged 12 and older and adults

What is this vaccine for?

This vaccine protects you against becoming seriously ill from coronavirus disease, caused by SARS-CoV-2. The coronavirus is still present in the Netherlands. Your protection against the virus gradually decreases after your last injection or after a coronavirus infection.

If you become infected with the coronavirus, you may develop symptoms such as fever, coughing, a sore throat, a runny nose and loss of smell and taste. You may also develop serious symptoms, such as breathlessness and pneumonia. Some people die from coronavirus disease.

This injection strengthens your immunity against the coronavirus.

How does this vaccine work?



Because of the injection, your body produces antibodies that help to protect you better against the virus. If you become infected with the coronavirus after receiving the coronavirus injection, your body recognises this virus. **As a result, you will either not become ill or will become much less ill.**

When will I receive this vaccine?

You can receive this vaccine if you are aged 12 years or older. The Dutch Government determines who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.

You will receive this vaccination at least 3 months after your last COVID-19 vaccination.



You receive the injection in the upper arm.

Please note



You may drive after receiving this vaccine. Do not drive if you are experiencing side effects such as tiredness.



If you are pregnant, you can still be vaccinated.

Most important warnings

Ask your doctor whether you can receive this vaccine if you have previously had an **allergic reaction** to a vaccine.

The RIVM advises you to make a new appointment if you are **seriously ill** or have a **high fever** before receiving the vaccination.

You have a very small chance of inflammation of your heart muscle or the outer lining of the heart. This usually occurs within 2 weeks. **Contact your doctor immediately** if you experience the following after your vaccination:

- Chest pain.
- Shortness of breath.
- Feeling your heart beating (palpitations).

Most important side effects

Most side effects occur because the vaccine activates your body's immune system. The immune system provides protection against the coronavirus.

More than 1 in 10 people who receive this vaccine may experience the following side effects:

- Pain or swelling at the injection site.
- Fatigue.
- Chills.
- Fever.
- Muscle pain.
- Joint pain.
- Diarrhoea.
- Headache.

These side effects usually last 1 to 3 days.

More information



If you have any further questions or concerns about vaccination, discuss them with your doctor or a pharmacist.

For the official package leaflet, see [EMA.europa.eu](https://ema.europa.eu). For more information, please visit [RIVM.nl](https://rivm.nl). If you would like to report a side effect, or learn more about side effects, you can do so via lareb.nl/en.