

To PARENTS of children aged 5 to 11 years

Dear parents,

Since November 19, 2021, the Government of Québec, with the authorization of Health Canada, has recommended the children's COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer-BioNTech for use with children aged 5 to 11 years. This vaccine is offered to Nunavik children.

Two doses are required to ensure the best protection against the COVID-19 virus and its variants as well as longer-lasting protection. The doses will be offered with an interval of eight or more weeks.

The COVID-19 vaccine considerably reduces the risk of developing the disease and suffering its complications. Getting vaccinated also protects your loved ones and the community: if you and your child are protected against infection, the likelihood of infecting another person is reduced. This is particularly important for protecting persons at higher risk of the more serious form of COVID-19, such as elderly persons, babies and persons with another medical condition.

COVID-19 can lead to certain serious and/or long-term complications, although rare in children. Vaccination is the most effective method for protecting oneself and others against COVID-19. It is among the other health measures such as use of a mask and hand hygiene.

Over the coming days, vaccination will be offered at your child's school. An additional offer for vaccination will also be organized (at the CLSC and during certain events, depending on the village) over the coming days or weeks.

CONSENT FORM

You will find attached:

- an explanatory brochure;
- a consent form.

It is very important to fill out the consent form and to return it to the school without delay.

DAY SCHEDULED FOR VACCINATION

- Your child should wear short sleeves to facilitate vaccination;
- Your child should take meals according to the usual schedule;
- If your child is absent on the day of vaccination, contact your CLSC to obtain another appointment.

For more information, consult your CLSC or call Info-health COVID-19 at 1-800-662-7482.

Thank you for your cooperation.
The CLSC nursing team