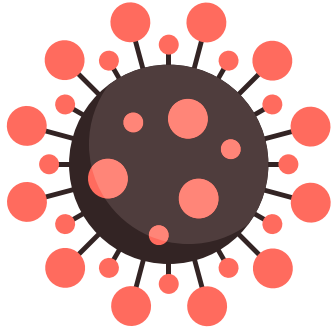


Coronavirus vaccine for adolescents 12-15 years

Brief information from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health about the vaccine against COVID-19 (coronavirus disease).

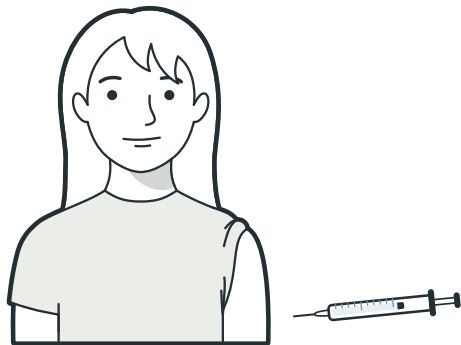


COVID-19

Adolescents usually have mild symptoms.

Some may become seriously ill.

The vaccine protects against severe COVID-19.



About the vaccination

Vaccination is voluntary.

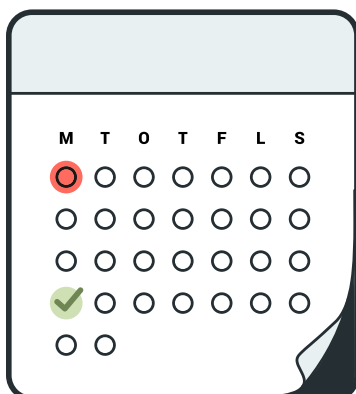
Your parents must consent.

12-15 year olds will receive 1 dose.

If you have had COVID-19 you do not need the vaccine.

The vaccine is given as an injection in the upper arm.

If you are scared of needles, tell the person giving the vaccine so they can take extra care of you.



How well does the vaccine work?

Adolescents are well-protected against severe COVID-19 3 weeks after dose 1.

Follow the infection control advice even if you have had the vaccine.

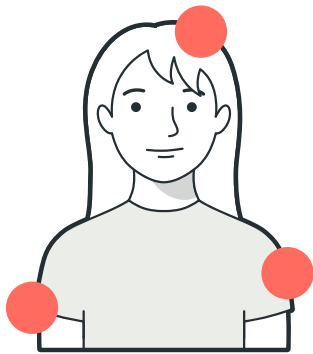


How does the vaccine work?

The vaccine teaches your body to recognise the coronavirus and protect you from disease.

Your body remembers how to defend you against the coronavirus.

Common side effects are



- Pain at the injection site
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Body aches
- Fever or chills

These side effects are uncomfortable and are often worse than with other vaccines, but go away after a few days.

Uncommon side effects



Serious side effects are very rare.

Rare side effects such as allergic reactions and heart inflammation are treatable if they occur.

We are monitoring closely for any unexpected side effects.

Contact a doctor, public health nurse or other healthcare professional if you experience unusual, severe or prolonged symptoms after vaccination



[Download the consent form here](#)

Parents need to give their consent for vaccination of 12-15-year-olds.

Check the website of your municipality for how to make an appointment. The vaccine is free.

Read more about coronavirus vaccine on fhi.no/cip