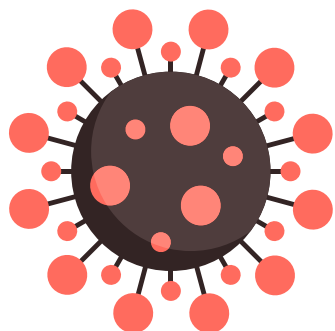


Coronavirus vaccine for adolescents 12-15 years

Brief information from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health about the vaccine against COVID-19

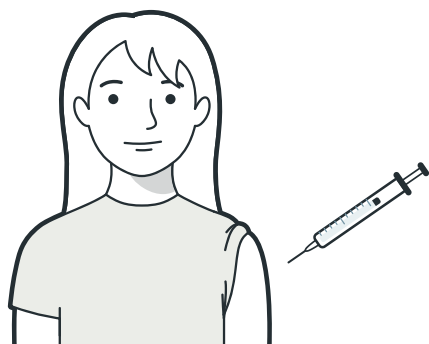


COVID-19

Adolescents have a very low risk for severe COVID-19 disease course.

The vaccine reduces this risk even further.

Having COVID-19 also gives good protection against reinfection.



About vaccination

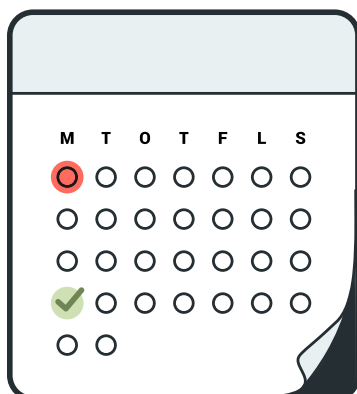
You can have 1 or 2 doses of vaccine if you and your parents want you to.

Vaccination is voluntary.

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

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

If you choose to have 2 doses, there should be 8-12 weeks between doses.

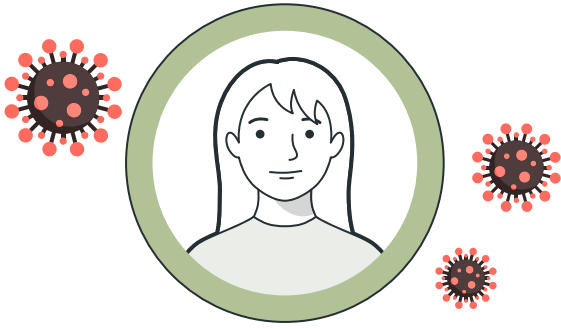


How well does the vaccine work?

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

You can be infected, and infect others, even though you have had the vaccine.

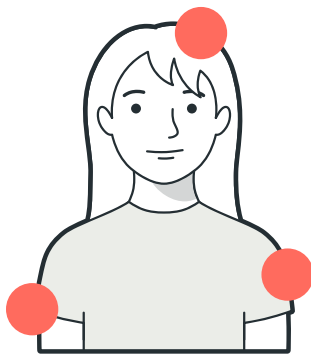
Follow the infection control advice even if you have had the vaccine.



How does the vaccine work?

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

Your body remembers how to defend you against the coronavirus.



Common side effects

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

These side effects are uncomfortable but pass after a few days.



Uncommon side effects

Serious side effects are very rare.

Rare side effects such as allergic reactions and heart inflammation can be treated 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 consent form here](#)

Parents need to give their consent for vaccination of adolescents under 16 years. The vaccine is free. Check the website of your municipality for how to make an appointment. Read more at www.fhi.no/cvp