Your child is being offered a COVID-19 vaccine made by either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for people over 16 years old, with the brand name Comirnaty. The FDA has also issued Emergency Use Authorizations for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and Moderna Vaccine for children ages 6 months through 17 years. The vaccines are authorized for primary vaccination and as booster shots. The number of doses (shots of vaccine into the muscle) that your child will need to be fully vaccinated will vary depending on which vaccine your child receives, your child's age, and your child's medical history.

The vaccine provider will need certain information about your child's medical history before administering the vaccine. Those questions are available here www.mass.gov/CDCScreeningForm.
The vaccine may not protect everyone from COVID-19 disease. Vaccinating children can help to prevent children from getting seriously sick if they do get COVID-19 disease.

Some people may experience side effects after getting the vaccine. Reported side effects are like those experienced after routine vaccines such as tiredness, fever, or pain at the spot where the shot was given. Side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away within a few days. Side effects are more common after the second shot. Some children have no side effects.

Learn more about potential side effects in children after COVID-19 vaccination.

There is a remote chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the vaccine. For this reason, a vaccination provider may ask that the person receiving the vaccine to stay at the place where they received their vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, swelling of the face and throat, a fast heartbeat, and/or a bad rash all over the body.

Additional information is available in the manufacturers’ fact sheets, available at:

- [Pfizer-BioNTech Recipients and Caregivers 6 months through 4 years](https://fda.gov)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech Recipients and Caregivers 5 through 11 years of age](https://fda.gov)
- [Pfizer-BioNTech Recipients and Caregivers 12 years of age and older](https://fda.gov)
- [Moderna Recipients and Caregivers 6 months through 5 years](https://fda.gov)
- [Moderna Recipients and Caregivers 6 through 11 years](https://fda.gov)
- [Moderna Recipients and Caregivers 12 years and older](https://fda.gov)

I GIVE CONSENT for the child named at the top of this form to get vaccinated with the COVID-19 Vaccine and have reviewed and agree to the information included in Section 3 of this form. (If this consent is not signed, dated, and returned, the child will not be vaccinated.)

Signature of Legally Authorized Representative

Date