

## GET THE FACTS

# COVID-19 VACCINES FOR ADOLESCENTS



### IS THE VACCINE SAFE FOR ADOLESCENTS?

- **Yes.** The FDA authorized Emergency Use Approval (EUA) for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for those who are 12 years and older. The vaccine has been proven safe for all ages, races, genders, and ethnicities.
- The decision by the FDA and CDC to expand eligibility and recommend the vaccine for adolescents followed a thorough clinical trial and in-depth review of safety data.
- The vaccine will not affect or hurt the fertility or the ability to become a parent for anyone, regardless of gender identity, race, or ethnicity.
- FDA-authorized vaccines will not affect the DNA or alter the DNA of anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, or ethnicity.



### WHY SHOULD MY CHILD GET VACCINATED?

- You will protect them and your loved ones from COVID-19.
- Getting children vaccinated will help stop the spread! While adolescents are less likely to have a serious illness from COVID-19, they can easily spread the virus.
- The CDC recommends vaccinated children do not have to quarantine if they are exposed to the virus. This means no missing school, sporting events, or other social activities!
- While not as common, some adolescents who had COVID-19 developed a severe illness, required hospitalization, have long-lasting symptoms, or died. The COVID-19 vaccine can prevent this.



### ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS DIFFERENT FOR CHILDREN?

- **No.** The immune response is the same for adolescents as it is for adults.
- Adolescents may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. Some people have no side effects.
- Common side effects including muscle pain at the injection site, chills, fever, headache, nausea or fatigue.
- Side effects after your second shot may be more intense than the ones experienced after your first shot



### CAN VACCINATING ADOLESCENTS HELP STOP COVID-19?

- **Yes!** Adolescents are often times asymptomatic and can catch and spread the COVID-19 virus.
- All people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including adolescents, can start doing many things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.
- These include safely interacting with others, taking part in certain outdoor activities, and not having to quarantine if exposed to the virus.



### WHERE CAN MY CHILD GET VACCINATED?

- Adolescents can get vaccinated at any vaccine provider location.
- Visit [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org) to find a location near you!
- At this time, children can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. You must confirm which vaccine is given at the location before going.
- A parent consent form is required for anyone receiving the vaccine under the age of 18.

**For the most up-to-date information, visit [sentara.com/vaccine](http://sentara.com/vaccine)**