

## **FACT SHEET FOR RECIPIENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

### **EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN INDIVIDUALS 12 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

You are being offered the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2. This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which you may receive because there is currently a pandemic of COVID-19.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine and may prevent you from getting COVID-19. There is no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

Read this Fact Sheet for information about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Talk to the vaccination provider if you have questions. It is your choice to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, 3 weeks apart, into the muscle.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may not protect everyone.

This Fact Sheet may have been updated. For the most recent Fact Sheet, please see [www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com).

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET THIS VACCINE**

### **WHAT IS COVID-19?**

COVID-19 disease is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. This type of coronavirus has not been seen before. You can get COVID-19 through contact with another person who has the virus. It is predominantly a respiratory illness that can affect other organs. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea.

### **WHAT IS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine that may prevent COVID-19. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

The FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 12 years of age and older under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

For more information on EUA, see the “**What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?**” section at the end of this Fact Sheet.

### **WHAT SHOULD YOU MENTION TO YOUR VACCINATION PROVIDER BEFORE YOU GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

**Tell the vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have any allergies
- have a fever
- have a bleeding disorder or are on a blood thinner
- are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- are breastfeeding
- have received another COVID-19 vaccine
- have ever fainted in association with an injection

### **WHO SHOULD GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 12 years of age and older.

### **WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

You should not get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine if you:

- had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine
- had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient of this vaccine.

### **WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine includes the following ingredients: mRNA, lipids ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate), 2 [(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine, and cholesterol), potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, and sucrose.

### **HOW IS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN?**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will be given to you as an injection into the muscle.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 3 weeks apart.

If you receive one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of this same vaccine 3 weeks later to complete the vaccination series.

### **HAS THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE BEEN USED BEFORE?**

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is an unapproved vaccine. In clinical trials, approximately 23,000 individuals 12 years of age and older have received at least 1 dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

In an ongoing clinical trial, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been shown to prevent COVID-19 following 2 doses given 3 weeks apart. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown.

### **WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 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 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of your face and throat
- A fast heartbeat
- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- severe allergic reactions
- non-severe allergic reactions such as rash, itching, hives, or swelling of the face
- injection site pain
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain
- chills
- joint pain
- fever
- injection site swelling
- injection site redness
- nausea
- feeling unwell
- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- arm pain

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?**

If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

Call the vaccination provider or your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report vaccine side effects to FDA/CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The VAERS toll-free number is 1-800-822-7967 or report online to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. Please include "Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EUA" in the first line of box #18 of the report form.

In addition, you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

<b>Website</b>	<b>Fax number</b>	<b>Telephone number</b>
<a href="http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com">www.pfizersafetyreporting.com</a>	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

You may also be given an option to enroll in v-safe. V-safe is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information on how to sign up, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vsafe](http://www.cdc.gov/vsafe).

## **WHAT IF I DECIDE NOT TO GET THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

It is your choice to receive or not receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Should you decide not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

## **ARE OTHER CHOICES AVAILABLE FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 BESIDES PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Currently, there is no approved alternative vaccine available for prevention of COVID-19. Other vaccines to prevent COVID-19 may be available under Emergency Use Authorization.

## **CAN I RECEIVE THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE WITH OTHER VACCINES?**

There is no information on the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine with other vaccines.

## **WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING?**

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

**WILL THE PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE GIVE ME COVID-19?**

No. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.


**KEEP YOUR VACCINATION CARD**

When you get your first dose, you will get a vaccination card to show you when to return for your second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Remember to bring your card when you return.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

To access the most recent Fact Sheets, please scan the QR code provided below.

Global website	Telephone number
<p data-bbox="315 741 620 772"><a href="http://www.cvdvaccine.com">www.cvdvaccine.com</a></p> 	<p data-bbox="950 793 1222 863">1-877-829-2619 (1-877-VAX-CO19)</p>

**HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

- Ask the vaccination provider.
- Visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Visit FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.

**WHERE WILL MY VACCINATION INFORMATION BE RECORDED?**

The vaccination provider may include your vaccination information in your state/local jurisdiction’s Immunization Information System (IIS) or other designated system. This will ensure that you receive the same vaccine when you return for the second dose. For more information about IISs visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>.

**CAN I BE CHARGED AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR RECEIPT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?**

No. At this time, the provider cannot charge you for a vaccine dose and you cannot be charged an out-of-pocket vaccine administration fee or any other fee if only receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Health Resources & Services Administration [HRSA] COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured recipients).

### **WHERE CAN I REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD?**

Individuals becoming aware of any potential violations of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements are encouraged to report them to the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or <https://TIPS.HHS.GOV>.

### **WHAT IS THE COUNTERMEASURES INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM?**

The Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) is a federal program that may help pay for costs of medical care and other specific expenses of certain people who have been seriously injured by certain medicines or vaccines, including this vaccine. Generally, a claim must be submitted to the CICP within one (1) year from the date of receiving the vaccine. To learn more about this program, visit [www.hrsa.gov/cicp/](http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/) or call 1-855-266-2427.

### **WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)?**

The United States FDA has made the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine available under an emergency access mechanism called an EUA. The EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has not undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved or cleared product. FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are met, which includes that there are no adequate, approved, available alternatives. In addition, the FDA decision is based on the totality of scientific evidence available showing that the product may be effective to prevent COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used in the treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 EUA declaration justifying emergency use of these products, unless terminated or revoked (after which the products may no longer be used).



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# COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Form

## SECTION I: To be completed by Client or Parent/Legal Guardian (if client less than 16 years of age).

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Name:		Date of Birth:		Age:	
Street Address:			Email address:		
City/State:		Zip Code:		County:	
Telephone:		<input type="checkbox"/> cell <input type="checkbox"/> home		Race:	
Preferred Method of Contact:		Preferred Phone/Address (if different from above)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Call <input type="checkbox"/> Mail					
Emergency Contact:			Emergency Phone:		

### SCREENING

The following questions apply to the person being vaccinated:	Yes	No
1. Are you feeling sick today?		
2. Have you received a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine? If yes, when _____ which manufacturer?		
3. Have you had a severe allergic reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) to something? For example, a reaction for which you were treated with an epinephrine or Epi-pen, or for which you had to go to the hospital?		
4. Have you had any other vaccinations in the previous 14 days?		
5. Have you had a positive test for COVID-19 or has your doctor ever told you that you had COVID-19?		
6. Have you received passive antibody therapy (monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma) as treatment for COVID-19?		
7. In the past 2 weeks, have you tested positive for COVID-19?		
8. Do you have allergies or reactions to any medications, foods, vaccines, or latex? If yes, please explain		
9. Do you have a weakened immune system cause by something such as HIV infection or cancer or do you take immunosuppressive drugs or therapies?		
10. Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking a blood thinner?		
11. For women, are you pregnant or breastfeeding?		

I have completed SECTION 1. By my signature below as client, parent, legal guardian, or other responsible party, I hereby give my consent to and authorize South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control employees and agents to provide immunization services and medical care to me or, in case of a parent or legal guardian, to my child or ward.

Client/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if client less than 16 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION II: To be completed by DHEC staff.

### DOCUMENTATION

Vaccine Name	Dosage	Dose #	Site	Route	Manufacturer	Lot #	EUA Fact Sheet
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	0.5ml	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> RA <input type="checkbox"/> LL <input type="checkbox"/> RL	IM	Moderna		<input type="checkbox"/> Fact sheet provided
Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	0.3ml	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> RA <input type="checkbox"/> LL <input type="checkbox"/> RL	IM	Pfizer		<input type="checkbox"/> Fact sheet provided
Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine	0.5ml	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> LA <input type="checkbox"/> RA <input type="checkbox"/> LL <input type="checkbox"/> RL	IM	Janssen		<input type="checkbox"/> Fact sheet provided
Signature/Title of Person Administering Vaccine:						Date/Time:	
Clinic Site or Health Department:						VAMS Entry Complete: <input type="checkbox"/>	



COVID-19 Vaccination Form  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING

**Purpose**

To provide demographic information, COVID-19 vaccine history, screening, and immunization documentation for administered COVID-19 vaccine in the event of the inability to access the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS).

***SECTION I: To be completed by Client or Parent/ Legal Guardian (if client is less than 16 years of age)***

**Demographics**

- Complete boxes with appropriate information.
- DHEC staff to record assigned MCI number.

**Screening.**

- Complete screening questions.

**Signature**

- Sign and date form and indicate relationship to client (if applicable).

***SECTION II: To be completed by DHEC staff***

**Documentation**

- Complete the dosage, dose number, site, and lot number for the vaccine administered.
- Check the appropriate box in cells where check boxes are available.

**Signature and Site** (DHEC staff)

- Sign (including title), date, and time the form.
- Record the clinic site/ health department

**IIS Entry**

- Enter administered vaccine or immune globulin into the VAMS system and check the box to confirm entry.

**Office Mechanics**

- Forms should be batch filed by year and applicable health record retention schedule (8498 - Adult Comprehensive Health Record and 8499 - Minor Comprehensive Health Record). Records must be maintained in the health department's medical records room or other designated secure area.