



1. What vaccine is approved for 12+? Why is Pfizer the only one approved for this age group?
 - a. **The only approved vaccine for anyone 12 years and older is the Pfizer/Biontech vaccine. As of May 11th, 2021, Pfizer/Biontech is the only company who has submitted for approval based off their clinical trial results with children. No other vaccine company has tested and completed their clinical trials with children.**
2. Is a mRNA vaccine safe for a child aged 12-15? What are the long-term effects?
 - a. **Given the studies/trials reviewed by the FDA and CDC, the vaccine is safe for children aged 12-15 years old. The mRNA vaccine technology has been in development for over 10 years and the unknown is the efficacy of the vaccine (how long it will protect you) in the future (1 year plus). A booster shot will most likely be needed and will be released as more information and research becomes available.**
3. Will my 12–15 year old receive the same dose as an adult?
 - a. **Yes. A 12-15 year old will receive 0.3 mLs, the same dose as an adult.**
4. What side effects are common in 12–15-year-olds with this vaccine?
 - a. **Side effects vary from person to person and dose to dose. Common side effects of the Pfizer/Biontech vaccine are:**
 - i. **In the arm where you got the shot:**
 1. **Pain, Redness, Swelling**
 - ii. **Throughout the rest of your body:**
 1. **Tiredness, Headache, Muscle pain, Chills, Fever, Nausea**
 - b. **These side effects usually start within a day or two of getting the vaccine. Side effects might affect your ability to do daily activities, but they usually go away within 24 hours.**
5. What should my child do to prepare for their vaccine?
 - a. **Hydrate. Eat well. Do not get vaccinated while dehydrated or on an empty stomach.**

6. How long will the appointment last? Will I have to wait?
 - a. **The appointment will be relatively quick. Most everything is prefilled. The vaccinator will ask specific questions (other vaccines, are you sick, COVID questions) and answer any questions you may have. They will vaccinate on whichever arm your child chooses. From there, they will move to be monitored for 15 minutes. Wait times will vary based off each clinic and how busy they are. Our number one goal is patient safety, and we will not compromise this to shorten any wait times.**
7. Can my child resume activities after their vaccine?
 - a. **There may be some soreness at the injection site. They may also be tired. But we recommend resuming your normal daily activities unless your body says otherwise or as tolerated.**
8. When are they fully vaccinated and immune?
 - a. **You are never fully immune to COVID-19 and should still take the proper precautions (social distancing, masks, hand washing/sanitizing). The vaccine greatly builds your immunity against serious complications from COVID-19. Two weeks after your second dose you are considered “fully vaccinated” per CDC standards.**
9. Any reason why my child will not be able to receive the vaccine at their appointment?
 - a. **There could be some reasons why we would not be able to proceed with the scheduled vaccine. First, you cannot receive any vaccines either 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after per the latest CDC guidance. Second, if you are COVID-19 positive within the last 14 days or have COVID symptoms, we would not be able to proceed to vaccinate. Lastly, any other safety concerns, we would always wait to vaccinate until we are confident that your child is able to receive the vaccine safely. Safety is always the top priority!**
10. If I have any more questions, who should I ask?
 - a. **We recommend consulting with your doctor/pediatrician prior to any vaccine. We will always defer the guidance provided by your primary care doctor. You can always reach us at covidvaccine@ericsrx.com with any additional questions.**