

# THE COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Standing Committee on Vaccination (STIKO) recommends the COVID-19 vaccination for all children and adolescents aged 12 to 17. The vaccines from BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna are approved for this age group.

### WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR VACCINATING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS?

- The vaccination protects against disease caused by COVID-19. The vaccine can prevent COVID-19 disease in children and adolescents with up to 100% efficacy.
- The vaccination also protects un-vaccinated contacts from COVID-19 disease.
- The more people who are vaccinated at schools, the safer it is for everyone there. A COVID-19 infection can then not spread as quickly as among un-vaccinated people.

# HOW SAFE IS VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS?

- Vaccination reactions may occur after vaccination (e.g. pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, fever), which usually disappear by themselves after a few days.
- Severe side effects of vaccination (e.g. inflammation of the heart muscle or pericardium) occur very rarely and usually respond well to treatment.

# HOW DOES THE VACCINATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WORK IN BREMEN?

Children and young people can be vaccinated:

- until 22 October at the vaccination centre and then at decentralised vaccination practices,
- by paediatricians (16- and 17-year-olds also by general practitioners)

Vaccination is voluntary and free of charge. Two vaccinations are necessary for full vaccination protection.

All persons under 18 years of age require the consent of their parents/guardians for vaccination.

12- to 15-year-olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the vaccination centre.

You can find more about vaccination here:



