# Patients COVID-19 Vaccine After-Care Sheet Children (Ages 5-11)

#### For providers

Date: \_

Dose number:

Future dose appointment details (if applicable):

# It's great your child got their vaccination today!

Vaccination will help protect your child from serious COVID-19 illness as well as protecting others in your family's circle and the wider community. After vaccination, many people will have some symptoms which are a sign that their body is working with the vaccine. These symptoms may make them feel like they have the flu and may make it difficult to do some of their regular activities for 24-48 hours.

Most people will have one or a few of these side effects
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Pain at injection site Muscle pain or joint pain Tiredness Upset stomach, vomiting or Headache diarrhea Chills Fever Some people may have one or a few of these side effects

Loss of appetite Dizziness or sleepiness Excessive sweating

Swollen lymph nodes Rash or itchy skin (not at injection site)

## If your child has any of these serious symptoms, call 9-1-1

Swelling of the face or mouth	Convulsions or seizures
Hives	Other serious symptoms like
Trouble breathing	"pins and needles" or numbness
Very pale colour and	Chest pain
serious drowsiness	Fluttering or pounding of the
High fever (over 40°c)	heart

### How to treat side effects

• To reduce pain or discomfort at the injection site, apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area and lightly move their arm.

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- For muscle pain and fever, your child can take over-the-counter medications like Tylenol and Advil, unless there are other reasons they shouldn't take those. If you're not sure, ask their primary care provider. If they start with Tylenol or Advil and the fever doesn't go down to below 37.8°c after an hour, it's safe to try the other one an hour later to see if it works better.
- If your child has fever or diarrhea, make sure they drink plenty of fluids.
- If your child has fever, rest and dress in light clothing to keep them cool.



If side effects aren't going away after 48 hours, call: Telehealth: 1-866-797-0000 or your Primary Care Provider:

#### Remember

- Your child will need a full series of shots, as recommended by your local public health authorities, to be optimally protected. Even if your child has side effects from the first shot, it's important that they get the remaining ones unless their primary care provider or vaccination provider tells you not to. If you are unsure how many doses your child needs, ask their primary care provider or vaccination provider.
- The first dose helps to protect your child from serious cases of COVID-19, but they will not be optimally protected until 2 to 4 weeks after the last dose.
- You and your child MUST continue to follow public health measures. Even if you're vaccinated, you could still pass the virus on to someone who isn't vaccinated yet. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.
- · You can help the vaccine effort! Tell your friends and family you're happy to have gotten the vaccine for your child and that you hope that they will get their vaccine soon too.



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