

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

12-15 year olds
can now get their
COVID-19 vaccination.



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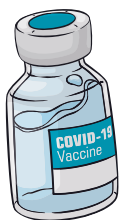
Why should 12-15 year olds get vaccinated?

Vaccines teach your body to defend itself from a virus.

Vaccinating young people against COVID-19 will help to **protect them** from getting sick and help **protect those around them**, such as family members who may be more at risk.



Is the vaccine safe for 12-15 year olds?



Pfizer-BioNTech clinical trials showed **no serious side effects** and more than **95% effectiveness** in preventing COVID-19 infections.

Who approved the vaccine?

The Cook Islands Government approved the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds. Medsafe NZ advised the Government that the vaccine is safe. They only give this advice once they are sure the vaccine has met strict safety standards.

Parents/caregivers will need to give permission for 12-15 year olds to get vaccinated.

