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## **Public Health Alert: Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Fact Sheet**



**Introduction:** The Tribe has been given the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to administer.

- We will be getting limited doses.
- There is no current recommendation for children under the ages of 16 years old. Recommendations have not officially been extended to pregnant women and immunocompromised individuals.

**Mechanism of Action:** The Pfizer vaccine uses mRNA containing materials from the virus that causes COVID-19, which then gives your cells instructions for how to make a harmless protein that is unique to the virus. After your cells make copies of the protein, they destroy the genetic material from the vaccine. Your body will remember how to fight the virus that causes COVID-19 if you become infected in the future.

**How many Shots:** The Vaccine is two shots to the arm muscle given 21 days apart

**Side Effects:** In a small number of cases, people have reported some side effects. Side effects mean that your body is building protection. The side effects feel like the flu and might even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in 1 to 2 days. The side effects are felt more after the second dose. Pain, fatigue, chills, headache, and muscle pain were the most commonly reported symptoms.

**Effectiveness:** The Pfizer vaccine efficacy has been found to be 95% effective.

**Cost:** The vaccine will be given at no cost.

**Pfizer and the Pandemic:** Until most people are vaccinated you still need to continue to use a mask, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

**Availability:** The CDC recommends the Pfizer vaccine be given in two doses to individuals who are 16 years and older.

**Vaccine Administration Location:** The PYT Nursing Dept. will be administering the vaccine. Location will be published on our tribal website and announced through Public Health Alerts.

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