

SCREENING

Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty® COVID-19 Vaccine Revised February 15, 2022

1. Are you feeling ill today?

2. Have you had a previous COVID -19 infection?

- » Individuals should wait to receive a vaccine until they no longer have acute symptoms of COVID-19 and are no longer infectious to others as long as there are no contraindications to the vaccine.

3. Are you pregnant, could you be pregnant or are you planning on becoming pregnant before receiving both doses of the vaccine?

- » Studies from around the world show COVID-19 vaccines are safe for pregnant women.
- » Only mRNA COVID-19 vaccines should be offered during pregnancy unless there are contraindications. Viral vector COVID-19 vaccines should only be offered if there are allergies to mRNA vaccine ingredients or mRNA vaccine is not readily available.

4. Are you breastfeeding?

- » Studies from around the world show COVID-19 vaccines are safe for breastfeeding women.

5. Are you allergic to any components in the vaccine including polyethylene glycol (PEG)?

- » Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can be found in some products such as cosmetics, skin care products, laxatives, cough syrups, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, and some foods and drinks.

6. Do you have a history of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart) not related to COVID-19 immunization?

- » This is not a contraindication to being immunized with COVID-19 vaccines.

7. Do you have a history of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) or pericarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart) after getting a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine?

- » As a precautionary measure, additional mRNA COVID-19 vaccine doses should be deferred in individuals who developed myocarditis or pericarditis following a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine until more information is available. If an individual is at high risk of being infected with COVID-19 due to community transmission or of severe illness due to an underlying condition, then a decision to get an additional dose should be made in consultation with the individual's physician (cardiologist if possible) with the individual's informed consent.

8. Do you have any problems with your immune system or are you taking any medications/ treatment that can affect your immune system (e.g., high dose steroids, chemotherapy)?

- » Studies from around the world shows COVID-19 vaccines are safe for people with immune system conditions.

- » The vaccine immune response may not be as strong for people with immune system conditions due to disease or treatment compared to people who do not have immune system conditions.
- » Stem cell transplant recipients MUST consult their specialist prior to immunization with COVID-19 vaccine.
- » For transplant recipients, it is preferred to contact your health care provider to determine the optimal time to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- » Moderately to severely immune compromised individuals receive a 3-dose primary series given 28 days apart.

9. Do you have an autoimmune disease?

- » Studies from around the world show COVID-19 vaccines are safe for people with autoimmune diseases.
- » For persons with any autoimmune condition that involves the neurological system it is preferred they discuss this with their primary physician or specialist prior to immunization with COVID-19 vaccine.

10. Have you received monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma for prevention or treatment of COVID-19 infection?

- » Vaccination with a dose of COVID-19 vaccine should be delayed for at least 90 days after treatment.

11. Have you had a tuberculin (TB) skin test or need TB blood work (IGRA) done?

- » COVID-19 vaccination should not be delayed because of testing for tuberculosis (TB) infection. Testing for TB infection with one of the immune-based methods, either the tuberculin skin test (TST) or an interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA), can be done before, after, or during the same encounter as COVID-19 vaccination.

12. Do you have a bleeding disorder or are you taking any medications that could affect blood clotting?

- » If yes, apply direct pressure (without rubbing) to the injection site for 5 minutes or longer following immunization.

13. Have you ever felt faint or fainted after a past vaccination or medical procedure?

- » If yes, consider having them lie down for the immunization.

14. Did you have any side effects after a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine?

- » If client had a serious or allergic reaction to a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine, they should not be vaccinated until it is determined to be safe by an allergist or other health care provider.

15. Have you had a serious reaction to any other vaccine in the past?

- » If client had a serious or allergic reaction to any other vaccine in the past, they should not be vaccinated until it is determined to be safe by a Medical Health Officer.