

Dear Madam/Sir,

Since the end of November 2021, the pediatric COVID-19 messenger RNA vaccine (Pfizer) is offered to children aged 5 to 11. You have already received information pertaining to vaccination against COVID-19 and have been asked to give your consent to this vaccine for your child. Since then, it is possible that your child may have contracted COVID-19. If that is the case, a 2nd dose of the vaccine is still offered to them.

Here are some important informations

- Studies are ongoing to measure the effectiveness of the pediatric COVID-19 messenger RNA vaccine (Pfizer) against the Omicron variant in children.
- If your child had COVID-19 at the same time or after their 1st dose of the vaccine, a 2nd dose is recommended.
- The table below shows the recommendations that apply to your child's situation

Situation	Recommendation	
You child had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 (test done in a screening center)	It is recommended to wait 3 months after the positive PCR test before receiving a vaccine against COVID-19 because the immune response to the vaccine will be better. During the 3 months after a COVID-19 infection, your child is protected.	It is not dangerous to receive a vaccine dose even if the disease occurred less than 8 weeks ago
Your child had a positive rapid test for COVID-19 (test done at home)	It is recommended to have your child vaccinated at the scheduled date. Even if it is likely your child has already had COVID-19, you cannot be certain without a PCR test. You can also choose to wait 3 months if you believe your child had COVID-19, since protection after the disease lasts for at least 3 months. However, in case of a false positive result to the rapid test, your child could be less well protected against COVID-19 and its complications until they receive their 2 nd dose.	
Your child had COVID-19 symptoms without being tested	It is recommended to have your child vaccinated at the scheduled date. You can also choose to wait 3 months if you believe your child had COVID-19, since protection after the disease lasts for at least 3 months. However, if the symptoms were caused by another virus, your child could be less well protected against COVID-19 and its complications until they receive their 2 nd dose.	

For more information about the vaccination campaign for children aged 5 to 11, we invite you to refer to the following webpage [Québec.ca/youthvaccine](https://quebec.ca/youthvaccine). It is also possible to get telephone support by contacting 1 877 644-4545 (toll free).