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Subject: Information about a coronavirus jab for children

Dear ,

In the Netherlands, everyone from the age of 5 is offered a jab (injection) against coronavirus. This letter contains information about the coronavirus jab.

This letter also explains how you can make an appointment for this. The coronavirus jab is voluntary. You decide whether or not your child gets a jab. It's free.

Has your child already had a coronavirus jab? Or have you already made an appointment? If so, you can ignore this letter. Has your child already had a vaccination abroad? If so, consult: government.nl/proof-of-vaccination

Why get a coronavirus jab for your child?

Most children have few symptoms if they get coronavirus. However, a small number of children do become seriously ill and need to be hospitalised or taken into intensive care. The coronavirus jab can prevent serious illness in healthy children.

If your child has already had coronavirus, he or she has enough protection against serious illness due to coronavirus and a jab is not necessary. There may be other reasons to choose a coronavirus jab, e.g. if your child has a chronic illness and is more likely to develop a severe case of coronavirus.

Which vaccine?

Children will be given a Pfizer vaccine. This vaccine has been specially adapted for children and has a smaller amount of active substance than the adult vaccine. Research has shown that this vaccine is safe for children. The vaccine has therefore been approved for children.

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How many jabs?

Children will be given 2 jabs against coronavirus. If your child has already had coronavirus and you choose for them to be vaccinated, one jab is sufficient. For children with a high medical risk, it is advisable to get 2 jabs even if they have already had coronavirus.

Making an appointment:

- Look up your child's social security number (BSN). This can be found on their passport, ID card or health insurance policy.
- Call 0800 7070 (free of charge, daily between 08.00 and 20.00).
- Answer the questions about your child's health.
- Agree on a date and time. We will send you an email to confirm the appointment. You can also write down the details.

Things to keep in mind for your appointment

- This letter contains a list of questions about your child's health. Please complete this list of questions at home and take it with you to the vaccination location.
- Make sure your child can easily expose his or her upper arm.
- Take this invitation with you.
- The parent/carer taking the child to the appointment must bring a passport, ID card or driver's licence.
- Take a face mask with you.
- Only 1 parent/carer can come to the location with the child.

Permission

Children from 5 to 11 years old are minors, so 1 parent/carer must come to the vaccination location with them. However, the parent or carer who does *not* come must also be told about the vaccination and must also have given permission for the coronavirus vaccination. At the vaccination location, you will first be asked whether both parents/carers have given permission for the vaccination.

Would you like more information?

This letter also contains more information about the vaccination and registration. You can read more information on www.coronavaccinatie.nl, or call 0800-1351 (free of charge). You can also call a healthcare professional: 0800-7707707.

Kind regards,

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