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Subject: Information about coronavirus vaccination for  
children

Dear parents/carers of <<first name/initials>> <<name>> ,

This letter contains information about coronavirus vaccinations for children aged from 5 to 11. It also tells you how to make an appointment for a coronavirus vaccination. The vaccination is voluntary. You decide whether your child gets a vaccination. The vaccination is free.

### **Why vaccinate?**

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

### **Which vaccine?**

Children will be given a Pfizer vaccine. This vaccine has been adapted for children and has been approved for use after studies. The vaccine has a smaller amount of active substance than the adult vaccine.

### **How many vaccinations?**

Children will be given two vaccinations. When you make the appointment, you will immediately be given an appointment for the first and second vaccinations.

### **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). This telephone number can be reached every day between 8 am and 8 pm.
- 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.

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### **Other vaccinations within a short period**

Has your child recently been given another vaccination? Or has your child received an invitation for another vaccination? For human papillomavirus (HPV), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) or diphtheria, tetanus and polio (DTP), for example? If so, you will need to schedule the appointment for a coronavirus vaccination at least 14 days before or after the other vaccination. It is safe to get these vaccinations and the coronavirus vaccinations within a short period.

### **Things to keep in mind for your appointment**

- This letter contains a list of questions about your child's health (the health declaration). Fill this in at home and take the completed list to the appointment with you.
- Make sure your child is wearing clothing that makes it easy to 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.
- Wear a face mask.
- Arrive 5 minutes before the appointment, otherwise, it will get too busy.
- 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/carer who does *not* come must also be told about the vaccination and must also have given permission for the vaccination. That is why, 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 the registration of data. You can read more at:

[www.coronavaccinatie.nl/kinderen](http://www.coronavaccinatie.nl/kinderen) Or you can call 0800-1351 (free) for more information.

Kind regards,

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