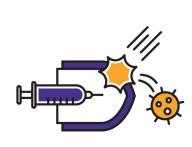
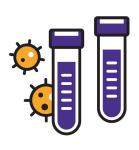
## Why can youth aged 12-17 only receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine right now?



New vaccines and medications are often first studied in large populations of adults before they are studied in children.



Pfizer has now studied their vaccine in younger populations ages 12 and above. They found the vaccine to be very effective in protecting youth against COVID-19 infection (after 2 doses). The common side effects are also similar to the ones that adults experience.



Scientific and medical experts at Health Canada are reviewing results of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine use in young people ages 12 to 17. The Moderna vaccine will likely soon be available for this age group as well.

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