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Why should a child be vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2?

The vaccination protects our children effectively against becoming seriously ill. Certainly, children are much less often affected than adults by a severe form of the illness. However, the extremely infectious form of the virus has led to a high rate of infection among children. At present many more children are suffering from a severe Covid-19 infection and also from its long term effects. The vaccination provides good protection against infection, so this means that children who have been vaccinated can have better social contact more safely, for example, at school. Vaccinated children also protect their parents, grandparents and all their friends from infection and illness.

How is the vaccination done?

At present, the Pfizer vaccine is used for children from 5 to 12 years of age. A very thin needle suitable for children is used to inject one-third of the adult dose into the muscle of the upper arm. The present schedule provides for two vaccinations with an interval of three weeks.

Is the vaccination safe?

Children tolerate the vaccine very well. Several million children have already been vaccinated throughout the world. After the vaccination, temporary local pain, tiredness and sometimes slight fever can occur. If it does, a suitable dose of liquid medication to reduce the fever should help. Moreover, the vaccine is very low in allergens because it does not need any substance to boost its effect, in contrast to many other vaccines,

What happens after the vaccination?

We will observe your child for about 15–20 minutes after the vaccination before you go home. We recommend not doing any sport, and only little physical activity, for four days after the vaccination to avoid any of the very rare side effects. Experience up to now has shown that the risk of side effects is less than 1:100,000. The mRNA of the vaccine is no longer present after 48 hours, which means that long term effects can be ruled out.