

# Guardian's consent for a vaccination of a minor against COVID-19

A minor can decide on their vaccination if the healthcare professional administering the vaccine assesses that the child or young person, based on their age and level of development, is able to decide on their vaccination. There is no legal age limit for a child's right to self-determination, and the matter is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Even if a minor would not make the decision on receiving a vaccine, they should be provided with information on the vaccine and its significance and their opinion should be obtained, if possible, taking into consideration their age and level of development.

If a minor is unable or unwilling to decide on their vaccination for themselves, the consent of all guardians must be obtained to give a minor a vaccine against COVID-19.

Vaccinations are voluntary.

All children aged 5 to 11 will be offered the Biontech-Pfizer's Comirnaty vaccine aimed for this age group.

Girls aged 12 to 17 will be offered either the Biontech-Pfizer's Comirnaty or Moderna's Spikevax vaccine.

Boys aged 12 to 17 will be offered the Biontech-Pfizer's Comirnaty vaccine.

## Guardians can give their consent for a vaccination of a minor against COVID-19 using this form:

Name of the person to be vaccinated:	Personal identity code of the person to be vaccinated :
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## As the guardians of the aforementioned minor we give our consent for them to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Place and time:	Place and time:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature:	Signature:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name in capital letters:	Name in capital letters:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Legal provisions: Act on the Status and Rights of Patients, section 7 (785/1992); Act on Child Custody and Right of Access, section 5 (361/1983)

Guidance: Guardians' consents may be provided on separate forms. A parent with sole custody of the minor signs the form alone. If a minor has more than one guardian, consent must be obtained from all those who have the right to decide on the child's healthcare. If the guardians' competence to decide on the child's healthcare has been restricted or assigned to a third party, the consent must be obtained from all those who have the right to decide on the child's healthcare.

### If necessary, you can contact:

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