

## Why should we vaccinate children?

Some children get very sick from coronavirus. COVID-19 is the **6th leading cause of death of children ages 5-11**. Nearly 10,000 children have been hospitalized.

Most children don't become as sick as adults, **but they can still spread it**. COVID-19 vaccines prevent grandparents, younger siblings, and others from infection, hospitalization, or death from severe cases of the virus.

Getting kids vaccinated helps **prevent outbreaks that cause school closures**.

## Is the vaccine safe for children?

Yes! In 4,500 children ages 6 months to 11 years, the vaccine was safe and effective in preventing severe cases of the virus in trials. Since December 2021 5.1 million children under 12 received at least one dose.

**Risks from COVID-19 greatly outweigh any potential risks from the vaccine.**

## How do we keep children under five years old safe?

Currently, there is not an approved COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5 years old. But you can protect children from being infected and spreading the virus to others.

- + Ensure all household members aged 5+ are vaccinated.
- + Breastfeeding moms can get vaccinated to help pass antibodies to their baby.
- + Encourage **indoor masking wearing** and **social distancing** especially among the unvaccinated.
- + Wash hands.
- + Look for updates on whether a vaccine will become available for young children.

## HOW CAN I GET MY CHILD A COVID-19 VACCINE?

- ✓ **Contact your local health department to make an appointment** or ask them where mobile vaccine clinics are located.
- ✓ **Contact your local community health center to make an appointment.**
- ✓ **Ask your child's pediatrician** if they offer COVID-19 vaccines.
- ✓ **Check with your local pharmacy.** They will likely offer vaccines.
- ✓ **Speak with your child's school** about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. They may offer in-school vaccine clinics.
- ✓ In some places, parents are required to be present when their child is vaccinated. Look for after-hour and pop-up clinics to make it easier for working parents.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)



For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, visit **Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN)**:  
<https://bit.ly/3ki1xAI>



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## Children and the COVID-19 Vaccine

- ✓ **GET VACCINATED!**
- ✓ **Wear a mask**
- ✓ **Social distancing**
- ✓ **Wash your hands**

COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness Campaign



## COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

- Children 5+: 2 doses, 3-8 weeks apart, but for boys 12-17: 2 doses, 8 weeks apart.\* One booster 5 months after 2nd dose.
- Immunocompromised children: 5-11: 3 doses, plus one booster. 12-17: 3 doses plus 2 boosters. Visit the CDC's page for spacing: <https://bit.ly/3zcBgwT>

## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

- + Get vaccinated and get your children who are 5 and older vaccinated.
- + Wear a mask when indoors even when you are up to date on your vaccines.
- + If your child is up to date on their vaccination and is exposed to COVID-19, the child does not need to quarantine. Get them tested 5-7 days after exposure.



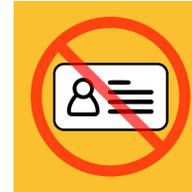
## For women:

- + For women of any age who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to get pregnant, vaccines are critical for keeping moms and their babies healthy.
- + For women and teens between 18-60 years old, we recommend getting Pfizer or Moderna.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER CHILDREN ARE VACCINATED?



It is important for children to get vaccinated, even if they've had COVID-19.



It is completely FREE and does NOT require any form of identification.



The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for children.



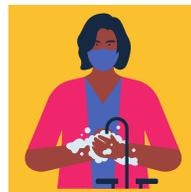
After vaccination kids may experience: arm pain, headache, fever, or chills.



They feel better a few days after the injection.



Kids are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their final dose.



Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and maintain social distance.



Getting vaccinated helps protect kids and others from COVID-19!



## BENEFITS OF VACCINATION

- ✓ Vaccination protects children and their families from becoming seriously ill and being hospitalized.
- ✓ Vaccination decreases the number of new, severe, and deadly COVID-19 cases in your community.
- ✓ Vaccination protects hospitals and clinicians from being overwhelmed with severely ill COVID-19 patients.
- ✓ The more vaccinated individuals in our community, the less we need to worry about new variants.
- ✓ Children can return to normal activities sooner if more people get vaccinated.

## RISKS FOR UNVACCINATED

- ✗ Higher risk of COVID-19 infection.
- ✗ Higher risk of serious infection, hospitalization, and death.
- ✗ Higher risk of developing long-term symptoms of COVID-19 if infected.
- ✗ Higher risk of being exposed to new forms of the virus that are more contagious and dangerous.

\*The CDC recommends this altered schedule to reduce the very small risk of myocarditis among adolescent boys.