

# Pediatric Vaccine FAQs

## Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for both children and adults. COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in children. Getting a COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19, and may help keep your child from spreading the virus to others. The vaccine can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.

## How many doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine do children need to get?

Children aged 5- to 11-years-old need to get two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine three weeks (approximately 21 days) apart for full vaccination. The vaccine dose for 5- to 11-year-olds is one third of the dose adults receive. The smaller dose works just as well in children because their immune systems are stronger than those of adults.

## Will my child get sick with COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No, your child can't get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine.

## What are common side effects of vaccines in children?

Most participants (children and adults) in clinical trials had minimal side effects from the vaccine. The most common side effects are:

- Mild fever
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle and joint aches
- Feeling tired
- Pain, swelling, or redness where the shot was given

## When can children get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Children aged 5 years and older are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Children who are unvaccinated should continue to wear a mask in public spaces and around people they don't live with.

## Can fully vaccinated children still get COVID-19?

Children and adults who are fully vaccinated are at lower risk of getting COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine also protects people from death and hospitalization. However, if a fully vaccinated person does get infected, they will most likely have mild or no symptoms at all.

## Is it safe for pregnant women to take the vaccine?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are safe during pregnancy. If you are pregnant, speak with your healthcare provider to help you decide when to get vaccinated.

## Does the vaccine cost money?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free to all individuals regardless of insurance, immigration, or financial status.

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