

Getting Your Child

Vaccinated for COVID-19:

What You Need To Know

There can be a lot of fear and questions when talking about getting your child vaccinated for COVID-19. This can be further amplified by misinformation being spread on the internet and by word of mouth. The truth is, there have been nearly 2 million cases of COVID-19 within the 5-to-11-year-old age group. **Simply put, children are not immune to this disease.** Those who get it can get very sick, require hospitalization, and even die. **The CDC recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.**



Are COVID-19 vaccines safe for children ages 5 to 11?

Yes. Trials were conducted on thousands of children and found no significant safety concerns. The most common side effect was a sore arm, which went away in a few days.

Can my child get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines?

Yes. Your child can get this vaccine at the same time as other important immunizations, such as the flu vaccine.

What's in the COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccine currently available contains active and inactive ingredients but is **free from all metals and does not contain any tracking material.**

What is the cost to get my child vaccinated for COVID-19?

It is **completely free** for everyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status.

My child already had COVID-19, why do they need the vaccine?

Some people who have had the virus do not produce the same antibodies they would get from the vaccine. **Getting the vaccine will help protect your child from getting COVID-19 again** and will help prevent serious illness or hospitalization if they do get infected again.

Does the COVID-19 vaccine affect fertility or development?

No. Research shows no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine causes any male or female fertility problems. There is no evidence that the vaccine will cause any fertility problems in the future, nor will it affect puberty.

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Do your part to help your child stay healthy during this pandemic by getting them vaccinated today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your pediatrician - they are the best source for reliable, evidence-based information for you and your child.