

# COVID-19 Vaccines

## for Children and Teens

## MOST CHILDREN AND ALL TEENS CAN GET COVID-19 VACCINES

CDC RECOMMENDS EVERYONE AGES 5 AND OLDER GET A COVID-19 VACCINE TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19.

Authorized For:	Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY)	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	NO	NO	NO
5-11 years old	YES	NO	NO
12-17 years old	YES	NO	NO
18 years and older	YES	YES	YES

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. People who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities that they did prior to the pandemic. Children ages 5 years and older are able to get an age-appropriate dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

### Why Children and Teens Should Get Vaccinated for COVID-19

While COVID-19 tends to be milder in children compared with adults, it can make children very sick and cause children to be hospitalized. In some situations, the complications from infection can lead to death.

**Although children are at a lower risk of becoming severely ill with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can:**

- Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19
- Get very sick from COVID-19;
- Have both short and long-term health complications
- Spread COVID-19 to others

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## Are Safe for Children and Teens

### HELP PROTECT YOUR CHILD, YOUR FAMILY, AND OTHERS.

#### GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE CAN HELP PROTECT CHILDREN AGES 5 YEARS AND OLDER FROM GETTING COVID-19.

- Vaccinating children can help protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at increased risk of getting very sick if they are infected.
- Vaccination can also help keep children from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- Vaccinating children ages 5 years and older can help keep them in school and help them safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities.

#### PREPARING CHILDREN AND TEENS FOR VACCINATION

The experience of getting a COVID-19 vaccine will be very similar to the experience of getting routine vaccines.

- It is not recommended you give pain relievers before vaccination to try to prevent side effects.
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have.
- After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15–30 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.

Before recommending COVID-19 vaccination for children, scientists conducted clinical trials. The FDA gave the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine emergency authorization to use in children ages 5-15 years old and full approval to use in people ages 16 years and older. Learn more about the process of developing, authorizing, and approving COVID-19 vaccines.

**THE BENEFITS OF COVID-19 VACCINATION OUTWEIGH THE KNOWN AND POTENTIAL RISKS. GET A COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 YEARS AND OLDER AS SOON AS YOU CAN.**

