



Children 5 to 11 Now Eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine



Get the facts and decide.

Are these vaccines really safe for my child?

Children ages 5 to 11 are now eligible for the low-dose Pfizer vaccine to get immunized against COVID-19. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all eligible children get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Clinical trials reveal vaccines for children are safe and offer strong protection against COVID-19, including against the Delta and Omicron variants. Trials included thousands of children who were closely monitored by pediatricians and experts to help ensure safety.

The COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their health insurance or residency status.

Children are less likely to get COVID-19. Why should I vaccinate my child?

The COVID-19 virus is still spreading. In December 2021, the weekly average of pediatric hospitalizations due to COVID-19 shattered previous records and is expected to continue climbing. Getting your 5- to 11-year-old child vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best way to protect them from the virus.

Although fewer children and teens have been infected with COVID-19 than adults, they can still catch the virus, get sick, and spread the virus to others. The Pfizer vaccine helps protect the people around them, including family members, those at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or those who can't get vaccinated.



Child Vaccine Information

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The COVID-19 vaccine is too new for me to trust.

Some people think the COVID-19 vaccine was developed too quickly, but it wasn't. Before the novel coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, scientists researched similar coronaviruses called SARS and MERS. This research provided the head start needed to develop the COVID-19 vaccination. mRNA vaccines, like Pfizer and Moderna, are backed by decades of research.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was recently approved for children ages 5 to 11. It's important to note that doses are about one-third of the adult dose.

Kids are resilient. If they get COVID-19 they'll be alright...

There are a variety of "long-haul" symptoms your child can experience after having COVID-19 such as: brain fog, fatigue, weak muscles, mood changes and more. COVID-19 vaccines are the best way to protect your family against COVID-19 and post-COVID conditions, including long-haul COVID.

Children 5 to 11 are now eligible for the low-dose Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been rigorously tested and proven to be 91% effective in protecting against the COVID-19 virus.

Protect yourself, your family, and your community. Long-term protection from COVID-19 beats possible short-term side effects. Side effects after the shot, such as fever, chills, and soreness at the injection site are normal and mean the body is building immunity against COVID-19.

Where can I get my child vaccinated?

The Lafayette County Health Department offers the pediatric Pfizer vaccine for ages 5 to 11 every Monday and Wednesday by appointment only. Call 660.259.4371 to schedule an appointment.

Learn more about vaccines:
<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/facts/>



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