

Kids and COVID-19 Vaccines: What Parents and Caregivers Need To Know

Children as young as 6 months of age can get a COVID vaccine.

Both COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are safe for children as young as 6 months of age. Children receive the same vaccine as adults, but the dose is smaller depending on their age.

Children are as likely as adults to be infected with COVID-19 and can spread the virus to others. Children can also get very sick and have short and long-term health complications from COVID.

Both vaccines are effective in reducing the risk of COVID disease and its possible long-term effects. Side effects from the vaccines are usually minor, including fever and soreness where the shot is given.

Contact your local health care provider, clinic or pharmacy to get your child vaccinated.

Ask your child's health care provider about any questions you have about the COVID-19 vaccine.



Vaccine	Ages	Number and timing of shots needed
Moderna	6 months and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All ages receive 2 shots. The 2nd shot is given 4-8 weeks after the 1st. •Booster shots are recommended for all people over 18 years old, 5 months after the initial doses.
Pfizer	6 months and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Young children 6 months- 4 years receive 3 shots. The 2nd shot is given 3 weeks after the 1st, and the 3rd is given 8 weeks after the 2nd. •People over 5 years old receive 2 shots. The 2nd shot is given about 3 weeks after the 1st. •Booster shots are recommended for all people 5 years and older, 5 months after the initial doses.