

COVID-19 Vaccines: WHAT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW

COVID-19 vaccination for children is safe.

Millions of children have gotten the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccines for children have gone through the same safety tests and met the same standards as all other vaccines authorized in the United States. Very few people have had any severe side effects. In fact, people are more likely to have serious long-term effects from getting sick from COVID-19.



Children who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated provides added protection for everyone, including people who already had COVID-19. Children can wait three months after they tested positive or started feeling sick to get their next COVID-19 vaccine dose. COVID-19 vaccines give you added protection and reduce the chances of spreading the virus to other, possibly more vulnerable people.

Getting vaccinated can help protect children against COVID-19.

There is no way to tell in advance how children will be affected by COVID-19. Healthy children without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness. **By staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, your child will have protection against severe illness.**

Long COVID can cause children to experience new, returning, or ongoing symptoms such as brain fog and chronic fatigue. One of the best ways to protect your child from **the long-term effects of COVID-19** is to get them vaccinated.



Children receive a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine than teens.

COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on **age on the day of vaccination**, not on a child's size or weight. This is also true for other routinely recommended vaccines, like hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines. Children can **safely receive other vaccines the same day they receive their COVID-19 vaccine.**



Check [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or call 211 to learn where your child can get vaccinated.

The vaccine is free for everyone, no ID or health insurance needed. Some vaccine locations require parents to be present at the COVID-19 vaccination, but others accept written or verbal consent (such as via telephone).

Make sure your children are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines!

Children 6 months to 4 years old:

Moderna or Pfizer



Up to Date: Two weeks after the third Pfizer primary dose or immediately after receiving one updated Moderna booster dose. Children 6 months to 4 years old should receive the same product for all three doses.

Children 5 to 11 years old

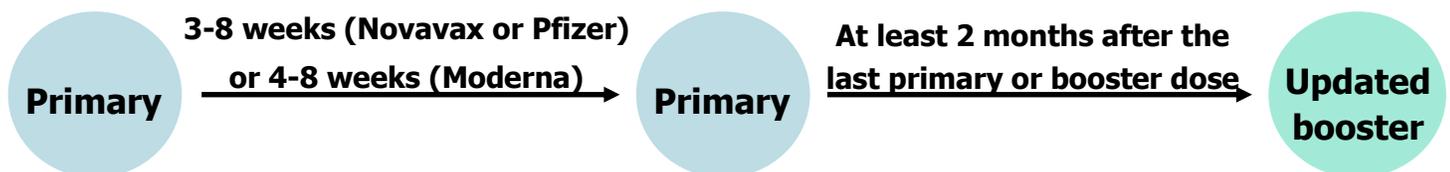
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Up to Date: Immediately after receiving one updated booster dose

Children 12 years and older

Moderna, Novavax, or Pfizer



Up to Date: Immediately after receiving one updated booster dose



No vaccine is 100% effective, so we expect some people who are up to date with their vaccines to get COVID-19. Even with current COVID-19 variants circulating, the COVID-19 vaccines are **extremely effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death caused by COVID-19.**

Children with weakened immune systems may need an extra dose. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and what you can expect: www.dhs.wi.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm.