

The COVID-19 vaccine for youth ages 5-11



- For **5-11 year-olds**, a COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) is now authorized for emergency use. The vaccine is a 2-dose mRNA series taken 3 weeks apart. Each dose is 10µg, which is one-third of the dosage of the adolescent/adult vaccine.
- For **12-17 year-olds**, a vaccine (Pfizer) is already authorized and more than 11.1 million adolescents have been vaccinated. This vaccine is a 2-dose series taken 3 weeks apart. Each dose is 30µg.

Why should my child get vaccinated?

COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19. Children can get sick from COVID-19 and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. Getting your child vaccinated helps to protect your child and your family.

In Ingham County, under Emergency Order Ingham2021-3, a student who is fully vaccinated (two weeks after second dose) is not required to quarantine following close contact with a positive case in Education settings and can remain in school.

My child just got a different routine vaccination. Can my child still get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. It is safe and effective to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time or within a short interval of receiving another routine vaccination.



Should I consult with my child's pediatrician before they get the vaccine?

If you have any specific health concerns, please contact your pediatrician to discuss your options. However, if your child does not have any specific health concerns, you may schedule your appointment without consulting your pediatrician.

What data is there to support the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in children 5-11?

- **Effectiveness:** Immune responses of children 5 through 11 years of age were comparable to those of individuals 16 through 25 years of age. In addition, the vaccine was found to be 90.7% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children 5 through 11.
- **Safety:** The vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 3,100 children age 5 through 11 who received the vaccine and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study.

Will my child experience side effects after the vaccine?

Your child may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. These side effects may temporarily affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects. Side effects are most common after the second dose.

On the arm where they got the shot:



- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of their body:



- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

If my child already had COVID-19, should they still get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, your child should be vaccinated regardless of whether they already had COVID-19 because:

- Research has not yet shown how long you are protected from getting COVID-19 again after you recover from COVID-19.
- Vaccination helps protect you even if you've already had COVID-19.

To find a list of vaccine providers in your area, visit www.vaccines.gov.