

The COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months - 4 years



2 vaccines are now authorized for children **6 months – 4 years old**.

- The Pfizer vaccine is a 3-dose mRNA series; the first and second doses are separated by three to eight weeks and the second and third doses are separated by at least eight weeks. Children 6 months through 4 years may receive the Pfizer vaccine. Each dose is 10 mcg.
- The Moderna vaccine is a 2-dose mRNA series taken 4-8 weeks apart. Children 6 months through 5 years may receive the Moderna vaccine. Each dose is 25 mcg.

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.

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 COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months-4 years?

- **Effectiveness:** Immune responses of children 6 months through 5 years of age were comparable to those of individuals 18 through 25 years of age who received the Moderna vaccine. Among children 6 through 23 months, the Moderna vaccine was 50.6% effective at preventing COVID-19 and 36.8% effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 2 through 5. Immune responses of children 6 months through 4 years of age were comparable to those of individuals 16 through 25 years of age who received the Pfizer vaccine.
- **Safety:** The Moderna vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 3,300 children age 6 months through 5 years who received the vaccine and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study. The Pfizer vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 1,200 children ages 6 months through 4 years 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 or thigh 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 COVID-19 vaccination location near you, visit www.vaccines.gov