



GET THE FACTS

Children and youth will be safest when they are vaccinated.

The vaccine protects everyone, including children and youth, from getting COVID-19. The vaccine also prevents children and youth from getting seriously ill if they do get sick.

There are new COVID-19 variants, including the Delta variant, which spread more easily and may cause more severe symptoms. Vaccines protect against variants like Delta.

Vaccinating children and youth protects the whole community.

Once someone is vaccinated, it is more difficult to spread COVID-19 to others. When eligible children are vaccinated it protects:

- Their friends and family who are not yet vaccinated.
- The elderly and people with certain medical conditions who are at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

As more children and adults get vaccinated, it will also be easier to keep schools and businesses open.



SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

- No other vaccine has been tested as much for its safety in U.S. history.
- The vaccine has been proven safe for children, youth and adults, including those of different races, ethnicities and ages.
- There is no evidence the vaccines will make your child unable to have their own children someday.

FREE FOR EVERYONE

- You and your child can get a free vaccine regardless of **immigration status**.
- Neither you nor your child need to **show an ID** or have **health insurance** to receive a free vaccine.

What to expect

Once your child is vaccinated against COVID-19, they can safely return to normal activities like attending school, playing sports, and visiting friends and family.



At the appointment:

- Before the nurse or doctor gives your child the vaccine, they will tell you about it, review your child's medical history and ask you if you have any questions.
- Your child will need to stay for 15–30 minutes to make sure they are not allergic.



Mild side effects are normal

Side effects do NOT mean your child has COVID-19.

Side effects mean the vaccine is teaching your child's body how to fight COVID-19.

Mild side effects may include:

- Pain or swelling on the arm where the vaccine is given
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea



Serious side effects are very rare

The vaccines are safe. It is much more likely that your child will get seriously ill from a COVID-19 infection than from a vaccine.

A small number of young people have experienced side effects like heart inflammation (called myocarditis or pericarditis) or blood clots.

- Serious side effects are **extremely rare**
- Serious side effects are **treatable** and most people who have them get better
- The benefit of the vaccine far outweighs any risk from it

ASK YOUR DOCTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines that your child may need.