

# 6 Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccination for Children



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## 1 COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN IS SAFE.

Scientists and medical experts have worked to ensure the vaccine is safe for children and adolescents ages 6-months to 17-years-old. Before being authorized for children, these experts completed their review of safety and effectiveness data from clinical trials involving thousands of children. What's more, 22 million children and adolescents, ages 5-17 have already received the COVID-19 vaccine.

## 2 Getting vaccinated can help protect children against COVID-19.

While children and adolescents are typically at lower risk than adults of becoming severely ill or hospitalized from COVID-19, it is still possible. Another important reason for children to get the COVID-19 vaccine is to protect their friends, family, and the broader community from the spread of the virus. The higher the vaccination rates, the lower the chances that the coronavirus will mutate into additional variants.

## 3 CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 SHOULD STILL GET VACCINATED.

Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after they have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. The vaccine is the best way to protect children from becoming severely ill or having long-lasting health impacts due to COVID-19.

## 4 A DIFFERENT DOSAGE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS GIVEN TO CHILDREN.

Children receive a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on age on the day of vaccination, not by patient weight. This is also true for other routinely recommended vaccines, like hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines.

## 5 CHILDREN MAY HAVE SOME SIDE EFFECTS AFTER COVID-19 VACCINATION.

Side effects to the COVID-19 vaccines are typically mild and subside in one to two days —like soreness in the arm, fatigue, headaches, or a slight fever. The risk of a child having a serious adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine is very low.

## 6 CHILDREN CAN SAFELY RECEIVE OTHER VACCINES THE SAME DAY THEY RECEIVE THEIR COVID-19 VACCINE.

If multiple vaccines are given at a single visit, each injection will be given in a different injection site, according to recommendations by age.



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for more information on COVID-19 vaccines and clinic locations or visit [www.wcvaccine.org](http://www.wcvaccine.org).

Questions? Call our COVID Hotline at 920-232-3026.

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