

# Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Ages 5–11

Getting the vaccine for your child is a safe and effective way to stop the spread of the virus and protect your family from COVID-19.



## Why should I get my child vaccinated?

- Help protect your child from getting infected with COVID-19 virus
- Keep your child from getting seriously sick or hospitalized even if they do get COVID-19
- Allow your child to fully engage in school, sports, and socializing with friends and family
- Fully vaccinated children do not need to quarantine if exposed to someone with COVID-19 unless they have symptom

## My child recently had COVID-19. Should I still get them vaccinated?

Yes. The immunity from the vaccine is more protective than natural immunity.

## Can my child get other vaccines at the same visit?

Yes. It is safe to get other vaccines at the same time.

## Safety

- This vaccine uses the same mRNA technology that has been shown to be safe and effective in the COVID-19 vaccines available for adults and children 12 years of age and older
- mRNA technology has been around for close to 20 years
- A smaller dose of 10 micrograms was effective in children 5–11(it is 30 micrograms for the adult dose)
- In clinical trials of about 3,000 children, serious side effects were very rare
- The vaccine for children was reviewed and authorized by the [FDA](#), the [CDC](#), and the [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#)

## Can the COVID-19 vaccine affect my child's heart?

- For more than 99% of kids, there won't be any effect on their heart
- Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis is inflammation of the outer lining of the heart
- Symptoms of this suspected immune response are usually mild and resolve after a couple of day
  - Symptoms include: Chest pain, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fast beating or fluttering heart
- Myocarditis and pericarditis are more likely to occur from a COVID-19 infection than as a result of vaccination

## Can the COVID-19 vaccine affect my child's fertility?

- No – there is no evidence that the vaccine can lead to loss of fertility
- Antibodies produced from vaccination to COVID- 19 do not impact embryo implantation or early pregnancy development in women or fertility in men

For your child, for your school, and for your community, get your child vaccinated against COVID-19. Protection from the vaccine will allow our children to safely return to the activities they enjoy and that are so vital to their physical, social, and emotional health. If you have questions or concerns, talk to your child's pediatrician.

