

Get Your Child Vaccinated Today!

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Available for Children Ages 5 to 17.

To find a vaccination site, go to nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or call 877-VAX-4-NYC (877-829-4692). You can also talk to your child's health care provider to see if they offer the vaccine. If you have any questions, call 212-COVID-19 (212-268-4319).

- **Vaccines are safe, effective and free!** You do not need to have health insurance or share your immigration status to get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child, your family and your community from COVID-19. More than 27 million children in the U.S. have been vaccinated, including more than two-thirds of children in NYC.
- **Children are just as likely to get COVID-19 as adults.** More than 12 million children in the U.S. have gotten COVID-19.
- **Children can get very sick from COVID-19.** In the U.S., more than 100,000 children have been hospitalized, and more than 1,000 have died.
- **Children can get long COVID and experience other complications.**
- **Children can give COVID-19 to others**, even if they do not have symptoms.

1. How many doses do children need?

The vaccine requires two primary doses. Booster doses are also recommended for some children.

2. How do we know the vaccine is safe and works for children?

The vaccine was studied in thousands of children and shown to be very safe and effective. The process was monitored closely by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, other organizations, and independent experts. The vaccine has been given to millions of children in the U.S. and studies show the vaccines have prevented thousands of hospitalizations and deaths.

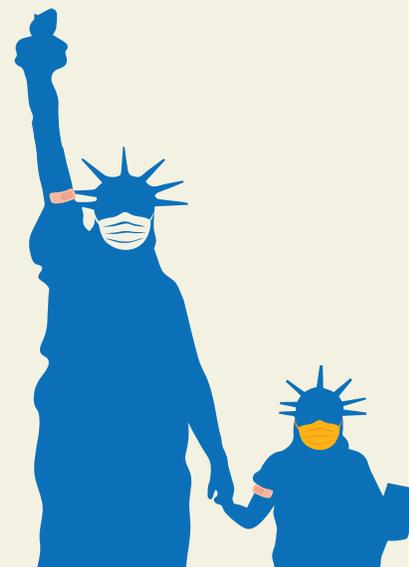
3. What are the side effects? Will it hurt?

Children experience similar side effects as adults. They might feel a bit of pain when getting vaccinated, just like any other shot. Afterwards, they may have soreness in their arm where they got the shot, and may feel tired or achy, have a headache or get a fever. These are signs that the body is building protection. Side effects usually last for one to two days.

There is a small risk of inflammation of the heart (myocarditis) and surrounding tissue (pericarditis). Most people improve quickly with medicine and rest. Serious side effects are rare, and the risks from COVID-19 are much greater.

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4. Can getting vaccinated affect my child's menstrual cycle or their chances of having a baby in the future (fertility)?

Menstrual cycles can change due to many factors, such as stress, and changes in sleep, diet and lifestyle. A recent study found that some people experience short changes in menstrual cycles following vaccination (one to two cycles). Short changes in menstrual cycles do not cause fertility problems.

Claims linking COVID-19 vaccines to fertility problems have no scientific evidence supporting them. Studies show that people who got COVID-19 vaccines were able to have children at the same rate as people who did not get vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other experts say it is safe for people who may want to have a child in the future to get vaccinated.

5. My family does not have a doctor. Who do I call if I have questions?

For more information about the vaccines, visit nyc.gov/covidvaccine and cdc.gov/covidvaccine. You can call **311** or 212-COVID-19 (212-268-4319) if you have questions or for help finding a NYC Health + Hospitals doctor. Care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

6. Do children need permission to get vaccinated? Do they need an ID or other documents?

Yes. A parent or guardian must give consent in-person, by phone, or in writing. Check with the vaccination site for their requirements. Children ages 15 and younger must have a parent or guardian or another adult chosen by the parent or guardian with them.

Bring proof of age, such as an ID or birth certificate if you have one. If not, you can attest to your child's age.

7. My child has a health problem. Should they still get vaccinated?

Yes. In fact, it is extra important for children with asthma, diabetes, obesity, and other health problems to get vaccinated since these conditions can increase their risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. The only reason someone may not be able to be vaccinated is if they are allergic to an ingredient in the vaccine.

8. Can children get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the virus that causes COVID-19.

9. My child had COVID-19. Should they still get vaccinated?

Yes. Vaccination is proven to provide extra protection, reducing the risk of getting COVID-19 again and of getting very sick if you do get it.

10. Can my child get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines?

Yes. Children can get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines or at any time before or after.