

Navigating Your Questions About Vaccinating Kids



Is my child eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?

On Nov. 2, 2021, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was approved for children ages **5 and older**. This applies to approximately 28 million children in the United States.

Is the vaccine safe?

"The risk of severe disease or complications due to COVID-19 is higher than any potential risks posed by the vaccine – even for kids," Jeffrey Kahn, director of Infectious Disease at Children's Health and professor at UT Southwestern, says. "Given this, and the benefits of vaccination, I hope parents will see the importance of vaccinating their children."

How and where will the vaccine be distributed?

The pediatric version of the vaccine will be administered by a variety of providers. Talk to your child's pediatrician or care provider about options available to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccine, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to **438829**, or call **1-800-232-0233** to find locations.

How much will the vaccine cost me?

COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone at no cost. Providers administering COVID-19 vaccines cannot charge you for a vaccine. They also cannot deny COVID-19 vaccination to anyone based on their health coverage status.

How can I calm my child's nerves about the vaccine?

To help alleviate concerns, talk to your pediatrician or pharmacist about any questions that you or your child may have. When it's time for the appointment, plan ahead to help make the experience easier. Bringing along a favorite stuffed animal, blanket or toy can help distract and comfort your child.



My child has a health condition. Is the vaccine safe for them?

Children with special healthcare needs should continue to receive all recommended vaccines. The CDC recommends the vaccine for all children ages 5 and older. Talk with your doctor about any health conditions that may put your child at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19 and about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Some adolescents and teens who got two doses of the mRNA COVID vaccines, and have weakened immune systems, can now get a third dose of vaccine.



Could the vaccine affect future fertility?

Cincinnati Children's experts note there is zero scientifically based evidence that COVID vaccines affect fertility. The American College of Gynecology recommends that women who are pregnant or are breastfeeding get the vaccine.

For more answers to frequent questions, visit [quantum-health.com/news](https://www.quantum-health.com/news).

For the latest updates on the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit the CDC online.

