

COVID 19 Vaccines

WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a disease. It is also called coronavirus. COVID-19 spreads from person to person. Some people even continue to have health problems after they no longer have COVID-19. People can end up in the hospital and even die from COVID-19. That is why it is very important to get the COVID-19 vaccine (shot).

WHAT IS A VACCINE?

A vaccine is medicine that comes in a shot. Vaccines have been used to fight diseases for a long time. Most of us have had different vaccines. They have kept us from getting sick from diseases like measles and chickenpox. And many of us get a flu shot each year.

WHAT ARE THE COVID-19 VACCINES?

There are 3 different COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. They are made by companies called Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. They all work very well and are free. People who get the shots are much less likely to get COVID-19. If they get COVID-19, the shots keep them from getting very sick, needing hospital care, and dying. With Pfizer and Moderna you get 2 shots. You must get both shots for the vaccine to work. People should also get a COVID-19 “booster” shot when it’s their turn. A booster shot is an extra shot that keeps your body strong against COVID-19.

ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE?

Yes! They were tested on tens of thousands of people. They had to meet strong safety rules. Millions of people have received COVID-19 vaccines. After getting the vaccine, some people have a sore arm or feel like they have the flu. This usually only lasts a few days. Serious side effects are very unlikely. The benefits of COVID-19 shots are much greater than the risks.

WHY SHOULD I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

It is a safe way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines save lives.

WHO CAN GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Anyone who is 5 years or older can get a COVID-19 shot.

BOOSTER SHOTS :

Add an Extra Layer of Protection

WHAT IS A COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOT?

A booster shot is an extra shot that keeps your body strong against COVID-19. The booster shot gives you more medicine that helps protect you. You get a booster shot months after you get your regular COVID-19 shots.

WHY SHOULD I GET A BOOSTER SHOT?

You stay protected. There is less chance you will get COVID-19 and spread it to others if you get a booster shot.

WHO CAN GET A BOOSTER SHOT?

If you are 16 years and older can get a COVID-19 booster shot.

WHEN CAN I GET A BOOSTER SHOT?

If you got your regular COVID-19 shot from:

- Pfizer or Moderna: you can get a booster shot 6 months after your second shot.
- Johnson & Johnson: you can get a booster shot 2 months later.

WHAT BOOSTER SHOT DO I GET?

You can choose any of the three booster shots. They all work well. The three companies that make the regular COVID-19 shots also make the booster shots. They are Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. You do not have to get a booster shot made by the same company that made your regular COVID-19 shot.

HOW DO I FIND A VACCINE?

You can get COVID-19 shots at pharmacies, doctor's offices, urgent care clinics, and local health departments. To find where you can get COVID-19 shots near you, go to: <https://www.vaccines.gov>

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children ages 5-11

CAN CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 GET COVID-19 SHOTS?

Yes. Children 5 to 11 years old can get COVID-19 shots made by Pfizer.

IS THIS THE SAME VACCINE GIVEN TO OLDER TEENS AND ADULTS?

Yes, but the dosage (amount of medicine) is smaller. COVID-19 shots for children ages 5-11 are very much like the shots given to 12 year-olds, teens, and adults. Children get two shots three weeks apart.

ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes! They were tested on thousands of 5 to 11-year-olds. They had to meet strong safety rules. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Pfizer COVID-19 shots for emergency use in children ages 5 to 11. COVID-19 spreads easily and quickly around the world so it is considered an emergency.

SHOULD I GET MY CHILD THE COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Yes, unless your child's doctor says they should not get COVID-19 shots. Children who have not had their shots can get very sick, need hospital care, and even die from COVID-19. They can also easily spread COVID-19 to other children and adults, even if you do not know they have the disease.

The shots are a safe way to protect your child, your family, and others from COVID-19. So, get them as soon as possible!

ARE THERE SIDE EFFECTS?

Children 5-11 may have some side effects from the shots. It is a normal sign that their body is building protection against COVID-19. Some children may not experience any side effects at all. Side effects are usually mild and do not last long. Your child might have some pain, redness, and swelling where they got the shot. They might also feel tired, have headaches, muscle and joint pain, mild fever, and chills. The benefits of COVID-19 shots are much greater than the risks.

IS IT OKAY TO GET A COVID-19 SHOT AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER SHOTS?

Yes. Getting COVID-19 shots at the same time as other shots is safe. This includes the flu shot

