What should you know about COVID-19 vaccines for your children?

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Getting COVID-19 can be **dangerous** for your children.

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Pfizer's and Moderna's COVID-19 pediatric vaccines are **safe for children 6 months to 4 years old.**

This vaccine helps **protect your kids** from getting very sick from COVID-19.

Benefits of COVID-19 Vaccines in Children

- Lowers their chances of catching COVID-19
- Helps protect them against severe illness, death, and long COVID
- Might make them less likely to spread COVID-19 to others

What should you do before getting your child a COVID-19 vaccine?

- Don't give them acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen before they get their shot.
- Tell the healthcare worker if your child has any allergies or a history of bad reactions.
- Wait at the vaccine center for 15-30 minutes after getting the shot.
- Talk to your child's doctor about vaccine side effects. Your child may get tired, a headache, chills, a fever, or a sore arm after they take the shot. These should go away in 2-3 days.

You can protect your family, your loved ones, and yourself by getting your child a COVID-19 vaccine. !

COVID-19 Vaccine Answers for

Parents of Younger Children (6 months – 4 years old)

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Does my child need the COVID-19 vaccine?

YES!

While young children are less likely to get very sick from COVID-19 than adults, COVID-19 can still be very dangerous for kids who haven't gotten a vaccine.

Where can I vaccinate my child?

The vaccines are available at

- Pediatric practices
- Pharmacies
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Health departments
- Clinics

Some places can only vaccinate certain age groups. Pharmacies (like Walgreens) can give COVID-19 vaccines to kids 3 years old and older. CVS MinuteClinics can give vaccines to kids 18 months old and older.

Reach out to your child's doctor, nurse, local pharmacy, or even the local health department to see where you can find a vaccine for your child.

How does the COVID-19 vaccine affect my child's regular vaccine schedule?

It doesn't. Your child can get the COVID-19 vaccine along with other vaccines. But your child does not have to get more than one vaccine in a single visit. Talk to your child's doctor if you have questions about your child's vaccine schedule.

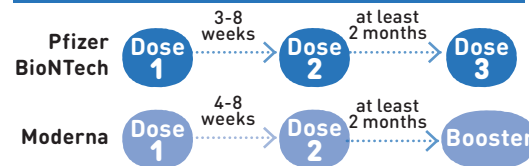## Which COVID-19 vaccine can my child get?

Your child from **6 months to 4 years old** can get a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.

The **Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine for kids is a three-shot regimen, and each dose is one-tenth the dosage given to adults (3 micrograms).
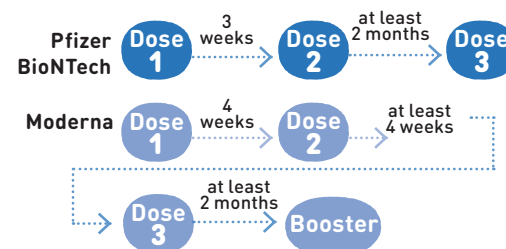
Moderna's vaccine is given in two shots, and each dose is one-quarter the dose of that used in adults (25 micrograms).

If your child gets the **Moderna** vaccine, they will need to get a booster shot of the **Moderna** vaccine at least 2 months later.

Most children

Pfizer BioNTech: Dose 1 → 3-8 weeks → Dose 2 → at least 2 months → Dose 3

Moderna: Dose 1 → 4-8 weeks → Dose 2 → at least 2 months → Booster

Children with a very weak immune system

Pfizer BioNTech: Dose 1 → 3 weeks → Dose 2 → at least 2 months → Dose 3

Moderna: Dose 1 → 4 weeks → Dose 2 → at least 4 weeks → Dose 3 → at least 2 months → Booster

Getting COVID-19 can be unsafe for your child if they have not received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Cases. Thousands of infants and millions of kids between the ages of 1 and 4 years old have caught COVID-19 in the U.S.

Severe Sickness. During 2022, more young kids 6 months to 4 years old went to the hospital from COVID-19 than kids 5-17 years old. These older kids could get a COVID-19 vaccine, which helped keep them out of the hospital if they got sick from COVID-19.

Deaths. COVID-19 was a leading cause of death among young kids 0 to 4 years old during the pandemic.

The vaccine helps prevent:

- **Children from getting COVID-19,**
- **Short- and long-term health problems from COVID-19, and**
- **The spread of COVID-19**

Visit **www.vaccines.gov** to plan their COVID-19 vaccine.