

Frequently Asked Questions For Parents



Q. Why should I vaccinate my child?

Children can get sick from COVID-19. Some children get rare but severe complications from the COVID-19 virus. The vaccine is the best protection.

A child can also spread COVID-19 to other people even if that child does not have symptoms. The vaccine is the best prevention.

Vaccinated children will be able to participate in more activities and attend more events.

Q. Is my child eligible for the vaccine?

Yes! All children ages 5 to 11 will be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Children with allergies to food or animals should get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can speak with a nurse at the clinic if you have concerns. If your child is sick with COVID-19 right now, they must wait until they get better to get the vaccine.

Q. My child got sick with COVID-19 in the past. Do they still need to get the vaccine?

Yes. Having COVID-19 does not prevent your child from getting the virus again. The vaccine is the best protection to prevent your child from getting COVID-19 again.

Q. Is the vaccine for children the same as the one for adults?

The Pfizer vaccine for children age 5 to 11 is a smaller dose than the Pfizer vaccine for adults. It is one-third of an adult dose. Just like adults, children need two doses of the vaccine, three weeks apart.

Q. How do I know the vaccine is effective and safe for children?

Studies found that the vaccine for children is safe and works well to protect children from COVID-19. Hundreds of millions of adults have already taken the safe and effective Pfizer vaccine.

Q. I cannot go with my child to the clinic. Can they get vaccinated without me?

Yes! If all the forms are complete and signed, your child can get vaccinated without a parent or guardian present. You can send a relative or friend with your child if you want.



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Q. Does the vaccine have any side effects?

Some people feel mild side effects after vaccination. Common side effects are redness where the shot was given, muscle aches, and fever.

Q. Does the vaccine affect fertility?

No. There is no effect on female or male fertility.

Q. Are COVID-19 vaccines linked to heart health problems?

Heart health problems are very rare. Symptoms are usually mild and can be treated. COVID-19 disease causes more serious health problems than the vaccine. The vaccine is the best protection against COVID-19 heart health problems.

Q. What if my child has a fear of needles or history of fainting when getting shots?

Our staff keep children feeling comfortable and safe during vaccination. You can hold your child on your lap while they get the shot.

Q. Can my child go to school if they don't feel well soon after being vaccinated?

If your child has fever, headache, chills, or body aches soon after vaccination, they should stay home.

- If they are better within 48 hours, your child can go back to school.
- If they still feel sick longer than 48 hours, keep your child at home and talk to your child's doctor to make sure they don't have COVID-19 or another infection.
- Please remember, the vaccine can't give your child COVID, but they could have been infected just before getting vaccinated.



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