

# COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5–11 Years Old

Information for Jurisdictions, Pediatric Healthcare Providers, Pharmacists and Community Partners

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet authorized a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age, and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has not yet made a recommendation on vaccinating this age group. CDC will update this web page when new information is available.



The federal government is committed to ensuring children ages 5 to 11 years old have access to COVID-19 vaccines if authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5 to 11 years old are subject to the very same [multi-step testing and approval process](#) as all other COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines — including those routinely recommended for childhood vaccination.

This page shares up-to-date information and resources to aid in the planning for COVID-19 vaccination among children ages 5 to 11 years old.

Information for  
**Jurisdictions**



Information for  
**Pediatric Healthcare Providers**



Information for  
**Pharmacists**



Information for  
**Parents and Caregivers**



## COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Pediatric Populations

At present, CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Children 12 years and older are able to get the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#). People who are fully vaccinated can resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic. Learn more about what you and your child or teen can do [when you have been fully vaccinated](#).

Children who are unvaccinated should continue to wear a mask in public spaces and around people they don't live with.


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## Planning and Promoting COVID-19 Vaccination in Your Community

[Pediatric COVID-19 Operational Planning Guide](#) 

This guide outlines key aspects of a COVID-19 vaccination program for children younger than 12 years old and was designed to inform jurisdictional planning under the assumption of eventual FDA authorization and CDC



recommendations of at least one COVID-19 vaccine product for children of this age. [Preliminary information on Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines](#)  is also available (subject to change pending regulatory guidance and authorization and approval).

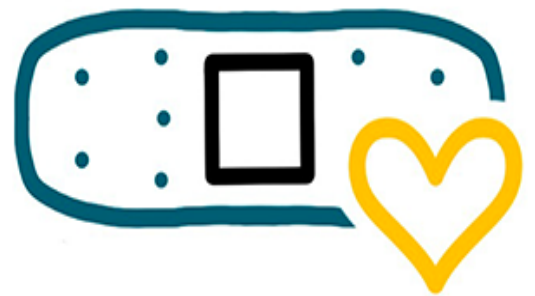
#### What to Consider When Planning



#### How Schools Can Support COVID-




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### Supporting Data and Scientific Research


[CDC COVID Data Tracker \(Pediatric Data\)](#)

[FDA Will Follow the Science On COVID-19 Vaccines for Young Children](#)  (FDA Statement – September 10, 2021)

[Trends in COVID-19 Cases, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospital Admissions Among Children and Adolescents Aged 0–17 Years — United States, August 2020–August 2021](#) (CDC, MMWR)

[Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 Among Children and Adolescents — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1, 2020–August 14, 2021](#) (CDC, MMWR)

[Provisional COVID-19 Deaths: Focus on Ages 0-18 Years](#) (National Center for Health Statistics)

[Children and COVID-19: State Level Data Report](#)  (American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital Association)