



COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations for Children and Teens

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What You Need to Know

- CDC recommends **everyone ages 6 months and older** get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Everyone 5 years and older should also get a COVID-19 booster, if eligible.
- Use [CDC's COVID-19 booster tool](#) to learn if and when your child or teen can get boosters to stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccine Dosage Is Based on Age on the Day of Vaccination, Not on Size or Weight

Children get a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine than teens and adults that is the right amount for their age group.

COVID-19 primary series vaccination for children and teens

Child's Age	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J/Janssen
6 months–4 years old	3 dose primary series	2 dose primary series	Not authorized
5 years old	2 dose primary series	2 dose primary series	Not authorized
6–17 years old	2 dose primary series	Not authorized	Not authorized

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines and dosage for children and teens, visit:

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](#)

For information on an additional primary dose for children who have a weakened immune system, visit [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised](#).

Learn more about recommended [COVID-19 vaccine boosters](#).

Children and Teens Who Have Already Had COVID-19 Should Still Get Vaccinated

Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after having been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. Even if a child has had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated. For children who have been infected with COVID-19, their next dose can be delayed 3 months from when symptoms started or, if they did not have symptoms, when they received a positive test. This possible delay can happen with a primary dose or a booster dose.

Read the science about [immunity from COVID-19 infection and vaccination](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Vaccines Can Be Given at the Same Visit

Children and teens may get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including a flu vaccine, at the same time.

Related Pages

- › [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](#)
- › [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](#)
- › [Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- › [Understanding mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- › [COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Children and Teens](#)

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