



COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

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About Vaccination for Children and Teens

CDC recommends [COVID-19 vaccines](#) for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, 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.



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[Why Children and Teens Should Get Vaccinated](#)

[Vaccine Safety in Children and Teens](#)

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	Novavax	J&J/Janssen
6 months – 4 years old	3-dose primary series	2-dose primary series	Not authorized	Not authorized
5 – 11 years old	2-dose primary series	2-dose primary series	Not authorized	Not authorized
12 – 17 years old	2-dose primary series	2-dose primary series	2-dose primary series	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](#)
- [Novavax COVID-19 Adjuvanted 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](#).

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Children and Teens Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Children and teens ages 5 through 17 years who are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) will need a third dose to complete their primary series, as well as boosters if eligible. Children and teens with a weakened immune system should get:

- 1 booster if they are ages 5 through 11 years
- 2 boosters if they are ages 12 years and older

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