



## COVID-19 VACCINE MYTHS VS FACTS

### Children Ages 5-11

#### Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for children.

#### Are children really at risk of getting COVID-19?

Yes. Children are susceptible to serious complications from the virus and will benefit from the protection given by the COVID-19 vaccine. It will also provide protection for their caretakers.

#### What's the youngest age at which children can get vaccinated?

COVID-19 vaccinations are available for children ages 5 -11. The vaccine is also available for youth ages 12+.

#### Do I need to provide consent or be present for my child's COVID-19 vaccination?

Children and youth ages 5-17 will need the consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to be vaccinated.

#### Should children with underlying health conditions be vaccinated against COVID-19?

It's very important for children with underlying conditions to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If your child has underlying health conditions consult with your doctor first.

#### If my child already had COVID-19, do they still need to get vaccinated?

Yes, doctors recommend that children and youth ages 5 and up get the vaccine, even if they've had COVID-19.

#### Should children with allergic reactions be vaccinated against COVID-19?

It's very important for children with allergic reactions to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If your child has an allergy consult with your doctor first.

#### Is this a different vaccine for children and what is the dosage?

The COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 contains a smaller (about one-third) dosage that has been given safely to millions of youth since it was authorized in 2020.

#### Will children need a booster shot?

Not at this time. This may change in the future. At this time boosters are only recommended for adults.

#### Can the COVID-19 vaccine affect my child's reproductive development?

No. There is no evidence that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause female or male reproductive development problems.



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