Pediatric Vaccine FAQs

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for both children and adults. COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in children. Getting a COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19, and may help keep your child from spreading the virus to others. The vaccine can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.

How many doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine do children need to get?

Children aged 5- to 11-years-old need to get two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine three weeks (approximately 21 days) apart for full vaccination. The vaccine dose for 5- to 11-year-olds is one third of the dose adults receive. The smaller dose works just as well in children because their immune systems are stronger than those of adults.

Will my child get sick with COVID-19 from the vaccine?

No, your child can't get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine.

What are common side effects of vaccines in children?

Most participants (children and adults) in clinical trials had minimal side effects from the vaccine.
The most common side effects are:

- Mild fever
- Chills
- Feeling tired
- Headache
- Muscle and joint aches
- Pain, swelling, or redness where the shot was given

When can children get the COVID-19 vaccine?

Children aged 5 years and older are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Children who are unvaccinated should continue to wear a mask in public spaces and around people they don't live with.

Can fully vaccinated children still get COVID-19?

Children and adults who are fully vaccinated are at lower risk of getting COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine also protects people from death and hospitalization. However, if a fully vaccinated person does get infected, they will most likely have mild or no symptoms at all.

Is it safe for pregnant women to take the vaccine?

Yes, COVID-19 vaccines are safe during pregnancy. If you are pregnant, speak with your healthcare provider to help you decide when to get vaccinated.

Does the vaccine cost money?

The COVID-19 vaccine is free to all individuals regardless of insurance, immigration, or financial status.

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