



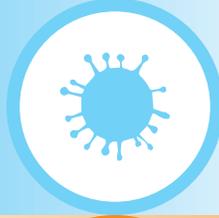
# THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-17

**CHILDREN SHOULD BE VACCINATED FOR COVID-19, EVEN THOUGH THE EFFECTS OF THE DISEASE ARE MILD IN MOST CHILDREN.**



- While most children don't have severe illness, there are children who have died as a result of COVID.
- The more people, including children, who are vaccinated, the lower the case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths.
- Children who are vaccinated will not have to quarantine if they are exposed to COVID at school.

**EVEN CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 SHOULD BE VACCINATED, IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE.**



Even if your child has already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible that they could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection than getting infected.

**THE SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE COVID-19 VACCINE, IF ANY, ARE MILD AND SHORT IN DURATION.**



The most common symptoms are soreness at the vaccine site, headache and fatigue, which typically last for 1-2 days. These symptoms are a sign the vaccine is working!  
The risk of myocarditis is rare and most people recover on their own. Myocarditis is much more likely after an actual COVID-19 illness.

**COVID-19 VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE INFERTILITY.**



Despite reports suggesting fertility concerns, there is no data or scientific evidence to support that the COVID-19 vaccine impacts fertility in any way.

**THE COVID-19 VACCINE PEDIATRIC FORMULATION IS A SMALLER DOSE THAN THE ADULT AND ADOLESCENT FORMULATION.**



Because children are not just small adults, extensive research was done to determine the appropriate dose of the vaccine for children. As with adults, children will require two doses administered three weeks apart.

**YOUR CHILD CAN RECEIVE ROUTINE SHOTS, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL FLU SHOT, AT EITHER OF THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS.**



It is important that children who missed routine vaccinations during the pandemic get caught up. It is safe to receive the flu shot and other routine vaccinations along with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Children account for about **25%** of the U.S. population. Providing the COVID-19 vaccine to kids is critical to slow the spread of the virus and end the pandemic.

## WHERE CAN MY ELIGIBLE CHILD GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

Visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov> to find a vaccine location near you.

Vaccines for children ages 5-11 will be administered at pediatric or primary care offices, children's hospitals, schools and pharmacies across the state.