

## COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN *ages 5-11*

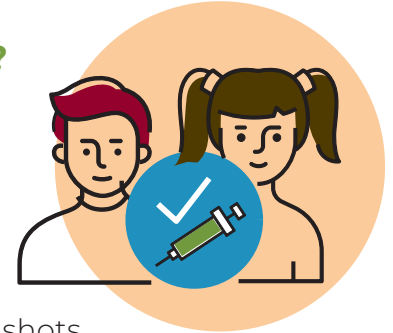
*The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe way to protect your child, your family, and others from COVID-19. So, get it as soon as possible!*

### CAN CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 GET COVID-19 SHOTS?

**Yes.** Children 5 to 11 years old can get COVID-19 shots made by Pfizer.

### IS THIS THE SAME VACCINE GIVEN TO OLDER TEENS AND ADULTS?

**Yes, but the dosage (amount of medicine) is smaller.** COVID-19 shots for children ages 5-11 are very much like the shots given to 12 year-olds, teens, and adults. Children get two shots three weeks apart.



### ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

**Yes!** They were tested on thousands of 5 to 11-year-olds. They had to meet strong safety rules. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Pfizer COVID-19 shots for emergency use in children ages 5 to 11. COVID-19 spreads easily and quickly around the world so it is considered an emergency.

### SHOULD I GET MY CHILD THE COVID-19 VACCINATION?

**Yes, unless your child's doctor says they should not get COVID-19 shots.**

Children who have not had their shots can get very sick, need hospital care, and even die from COVID-19. They can also easily spread COVID-19 to other children and adults, even if you do not know they have the disease.



### Over 10 million children in the United States have gotten COVID-19:

- Tens of thousands of them have been hospitalized.
- Almost half have ongoing problems that may last for weeks, months, or longer. There are about 100 types of ongoing health problems related to COVID-19 in children.
- More than 500 children have died from COVID-19.

### WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION AND MY CHILD'S DISABILITY?

**Check out our Planning for your COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet.** It address concerns you might have about safety, access, and accommodations for getting the vaccine. You can find the fact sheet here: <https://wi-bpdd.org/index.php/vaccine-information/>

## ARE THERE SIDE EFFECTS?

**Children 5-11 may have some side effects from the shots.** It is a normal sign that their body is building protection against COVID-19. **Some children may not experience any side effects at all.**

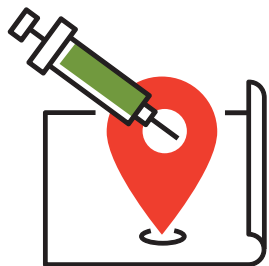
Side effects are usually mild and do not last long. Your child might have some pain, redness, and swelling where they got the shot. They might also feel tired, have headaches, muscle and joint pain, mild fever, and chills.

There have been rare cases when the shots have affected the heart muscle in teens and young adults who got COVID-19 shots. Tens of millions of people have gotten COVID-19 shots in the United States, and less than 1000 have had this problem. Most were adolescent boys and young men.

**The benefits of COVID-19 shots are much greater than the risks.**

## IS IT OKAY TO GET A COVID-19 SHOT AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER SHOTS?

**Yes.** Getting COVID-19 shots at the same time as other shots is safe. This includes the flu shot.



## WHERE CAN I GET A VACCINE IN WISCONSIN?

You can get COVID-19 shots for 5 to 11 year-olds at pharmacies, **doctor's offices, urgent care clinics, clinics in schools, and local pharmacies** all over Wisconsin.

To find where you can get COVID-19 shots near you, go to: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>

## IS A COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL?

**No.** Children do not have to have COVID-19 shots to go to school, but getting the shots will help protect the students and teachers from getting COVID-19 so that schools can stay open.



## TO GET HELP AND MORE INFORMATION

### HELP GETTING A VACCINE:

You can call 211 Wisconsin, or have someone call for you. Call 211 or (877-947-2211) or text COVID to 211-211. Language assistance is available.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD'S COVID-19 SHOTS:

Use the QR code below (point your phone's camera at the code square and follow the instructions on your screen), or visit [www.vaccine.gov](http://www.vaccine.gov).



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