

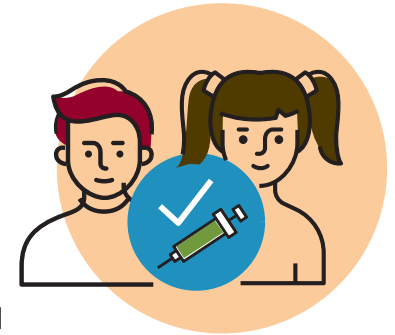
# COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

## ages 6 months to 17 years

*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 6 MONTHS TO 17 YEARS GET COVID-19 SHOTS?

**Yes.** All children ages 6 months and up are eligible for COVID-19 shots. Shots are available from Pfizer or Moderna.



### IS THIS THE SAME VACCINE GIVEN TO ADULTS?

**Yes, but the dosage (amount of medicine) may be smaller, and depends on your child's age.** How many shots your child needs depends on your child's age, and which brand of shot is given. Some children are also eligible for boosters. For more information, see this shot schedule: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-vacc-schedule-at-a-glance-508.pdf>

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

**Yes!** They were tested on thousands of children ages 6 months to 17 years, including those with underlying conditions. They had to meet safety rules. Millions of children have already received the vaccine. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved both Pfizer and Moderna shots for children ages 6 months to 17 years.

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

**Yes, unless your child's doctor says they should not get the COVID shot.** Children who have not had their shots can get very sick, need hospital care, and even die from COVID-19. Children with disabilities often have other medical conditions that increase their risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Children can also easily spread COVID to other children and adults, even if you do not know they have COVID-19.



### Over 14 million children in the United States have gotten COVID-19

- Over 146,000 children have been hospitalized.
- Over 8,700 children have developed Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) after having COVID.
- More than 1,700 children have died from COVID-19.

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

**Talk to your child's doctor.** They can answer your questions about the vaccine specific to your child and their disability. Also, check out our COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions. It addresses 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 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.**

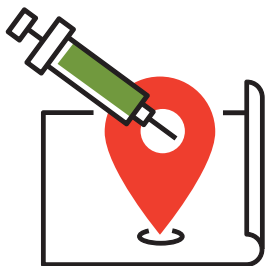
Side effects are usually mild and do not last long. Your child might have some pain, redness, and swelling where they got the shot. They might also feel tired, have headaches, muscle and joint pain, mild fever and chills.

There have been rare cases when the shots have affected the heart muscle in teens and young adults who have had COVID-19 shots. Hundreds of millions of people have gotten the COVID-shots in the United States and only a small percent of them 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 children over 6 months at **doctor's offices, local pharmacies, clinics in schools and public health departments.** You may need a

prescription for children under 3 if getting the shot at a location other than their doctor's office. 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 shots will help protect the students and teachers from getting COVID-19. It can help keep your child healthy so they don't miss school.

### Sources:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/children-teens-disabilities.html>
- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccination-demographic>
- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#demographics>
- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#new-hospital-admissions>
- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#mis-national-surveillance>
- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccination-trends>
- <https://covid19.nih.gov/news-and-stories/covid-19-vaccines-myocarditis>



## 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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