10 REASONS
Why It's Important for Kids Ages 5 Through 11 to Get Vaccinated and Boosted Against COVID-19

1. Kids will continue to be exposed to COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines help prevent kids from getting very sick and from experiencing long-term complications.

2. COVID-19 vaccines help keep kids in school and activities with their friends.

3. Vaccines are predictable. COVID-19 is not.

4. Millions of kids ages 5 through 17 had a COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are checked for safety and have been found safe for kids.

5. The side effects from the vaccine are usually milder for kids than for adults.

6. Vaccinated kids who are exposed to COVID-19 are less likely to have symptoms.

7. Some schools may require vaccinations to attend or to participate in certain activities.

8. Your family can feel more comfortable traveling and visiting relatives if everyone is vaccinated.

9. Kids can get their COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at the same time as other routine vaccinations.

10. CDC recommends that kids get vaccinated even if they have already had COVID-19. Vaccination provides additional protection after a COVID-19 infection.

Kids age 5 through 11 can now get updated, bivalent COVID-19 boosters. Bivalent boosters protect against TWO strains of COVID-19: the original strain and the Omicron variant. Pfizer's bivalent booster is available to kids age 5 or older. Moderna's bivalent booster is available to kids age 6 or older. Kids should get a bivalent booster at least two months after their last primary series dose or last booster.
COVID-19 infection can make some kids very sick. Protect your kids by keeping them up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

To make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 through 11, you can:

- Call your primary care provider to see if they are vaccinating younger children
- Search by vaccine type on Vaccines.Gov
- Make an appointment at a local pharmacy like CVS, Walgreens, or Stop & Shop
- For more information about COVID-19 vaccines in Rhode Island, visit C19VaccineRI.org

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5 through 11, visit: covid.ri.gov/5to11vaccinefaqs