

Getting Your Children Vaccinated for COVID-19

WHO? COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for children age 6 months and older.

WHEN? You should get your children vaccinated as soon as COVID-19 vaccines are available to them. There are two COVID-19 vaccines for children to choose from:



- The **Moderna vaccine** is for children age 6 months through 5 years. It is two doses, with 28 days between the first and second dose.



- The **Pfizer vaccine** is for children age 6 months through 4 years. It is three doses, with 21 days between the first and second dose and at least 8 weeks between the second and third dose.

If your child has already been sick with COVID-19 you should still get them vaccinated.

WHERE? You can get COVID-19 vaccines where you normally get your vaccines.



- **Healthcare provider offices:** Ask your primary care provider or your child's doctor if they give COVID-19 vaccines.



- **Pharmacies:** Most pharmacies can give COVID-19 vaccines to children as young as age 3. CVS Minute Clinics can give COVID-19 vaccines to children as young as 18 months.



- **Vaccines.Gov:** Use Vaccines.Gov to find the health centers, hospitals, pharmacies, and other sites offering COVID-19 vaccine near you.

WHY? For the best protection against COVID-19, your children should stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. This means getting all recommended doses—including booster doses when they are available.

- As a parent or caregiver, you want to do what is best for your children. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and can help protect your child from COVID-19.
- Just like adults, children can get very sick from COVID-19. They can also have long-term health problems from COVID-19, like multi-system inflammatory syndrome (when different body parts like the heart, lungs, or brain become swollen) or long COVID—which can include being very tired, having shortness of breath, and neurological (nervous system) issues like loss of taste and smell, headaches, stroke, and confusion.
- Studies of vaccines for this age group show that they offer protection against COVID-19. Experts expect that these vaccines will be effective against serious illness, just like the COVID-19 vaccines for adults.

HOW?

- Children younger than age 16 must be with a parent or guardian to get vaccinated in Rhode Island.
- Children get a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine than teens and adults.
- Children can safely get other routine vaccinations the same day they get their COVID-19 vaccine.
- Everyone age 6 months or older can get COVID-19 vaccines at no out-of-pocket cost. The person giving you the vaccine may ask to see your insurance card if you have one, but it is not needed for you or your child to get vaccinated.

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For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit C19VaccineRI.org.



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