

Children and COVID-19 Vaccines

Recommendations by Age Group

Over 22 million children and teens age 5-17 are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and as of June 18, 2022, children as young as 6 months are now eligible to be vaccinated. The CDC recommends that children and adolescents age 6 months and older get a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination is the best way to protect our children, friends, and families from COVID-19.

The dose and series authorized for children is informed by clinical trials on safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine in these age groups.

Age Group	Series How many shots, and when?	Dosage* Compared to adult dose	Booster Dose Are boosters recommended?
Pfizer			
6 months – 4 years	3-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd at least 2 months later	One-tenth	Not at this time
5 – 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	One-third	Yes, at least 5 months after second shot
12 – 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 3 weeks apart	Equal	Yes, at least 5 months after second shot
Moderna			
6 months – 5 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-quarter	Not at this time
6 – 11 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	One-half	Not at this time
12 – 17 years	2-shot series: 2 doses, 4 weeks apart	Equal	Not at this time

**The CDC recommends that children and adolescents age 6 months to 17 years who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should receive a three-shot series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.*

