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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 5-11

Q: Can the COVID-19 vaccine infect my child with COVID?
A: No. None of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

Q: Does the COVID-19 vaccine cost?
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Q: How is the COVID-19 vaccine different than the one for adults?
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The vaccine provides additional protection by reducing the risk of a repeat COVID-19 infection. Generally, it is recommended that you consult with a physician regarding timing of vaccine receipt, if they’ve previously had a COVID-19 infection.

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**Q**
If my child is vaccinated, do they still need to wear a mask?

**A**
Yes. Even with the COVID-19 vaccine, there is still a chance of getting ill. This is why it is important for us to use all of the preventative tools available: wearing a mask, washing hands, social distancing, as well as getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Q**
What should I bring to the vaccination appointment?

**A**
Eligible children (5 years and older) should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the time of their vaccination. Parents and legal guardian should bring a form of ID and child's insurance card – if available. Masks should be worn.

**Q**
My child is behind in vaccines, can they get those at the same time?

**A**
Yes, COVID-19 and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing of other vaccines. This includes the flu vaccine. This includes administrating the COVID-19 and other needed vaccines on the same day.