

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS CONSIDERING THE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR THEIR CHILDREN 5-11



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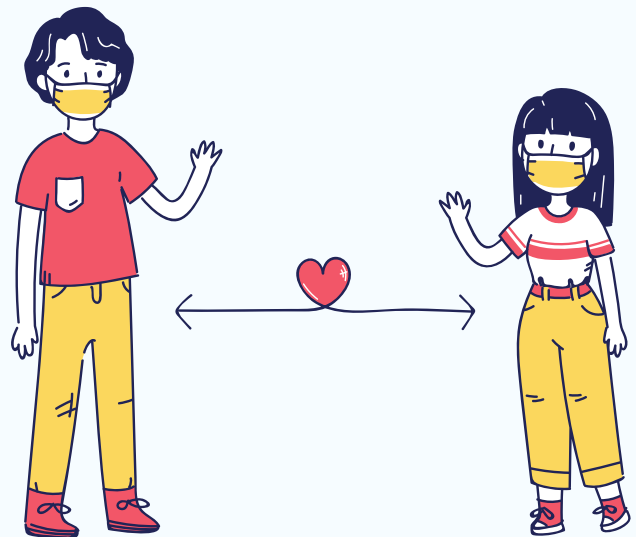
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 5-11

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.



A
EVERYONE AGE 5 AND OLDER IN THE U.S. CAN GET A COVID-19 VACCINE. THE VACCINES ARE FREE FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF YOUR IMMIGRATION OR INSURANCE STATUS.

Q
DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE COST?

A
THE DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE GIVEN TO CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 IS ONE-THIRD OF THE DOSE THAT IS GIVEN TO OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THIS IS THE DOSE THAT WAS TESTED IN THE CLINICAL TRIAL AND DETERMINED TO BE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FOR CHILDREN 5-11. RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND OLDER IS THE PFIZER VACCINE.

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HOW IS THE COVID-19 VACCINE DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE FOR ADULTS?



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WHEN WILL THERE BE A COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER?

A
CURRENTLY, PFIZER SEEMS TO BE THE MOST ADVANCED IN THEIR CLINICAL RESEARCH TRIALS, WHICH WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE FDA FOR REVIEW. IT'S UNCLEAR WHEN THE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER WILL BE AVAILABLE.



A
MOST PEOPLE WHO GET COVID-19 ARE UNVACCINATED. HOWEVER, SINCE VACCINES ARE NOT 100% EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING INFECTION, SOME CHILDREN WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED, WILL STILL GET COVID-19. FULLY VACCINATED CHILDREN ARE LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP SERIOUS ILLNESS AND SEVERE SYMPTOMS AND ARE MUCH LESS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED AND DIE THAN THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED.

Q
CAN MY CHILD STILL GET COVID AFTER GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

A
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.

Q
IF MY CHILD HAS ALREADY HAD COVID-19, SHOULD I BOTHER WITH VACCINATION?



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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.



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.

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE VACCINATION APPOINTMENT?



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 ADMINISTERING THE COVID-19 AND OTHER NEEDED VACCINES ON THE SAME DAY.



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