



Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Children Ages 5-11 FACT SHEET

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now recommended for everyone ages 5 and older.



Who

- Children ages 5-11 can now receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and get the same robust protection that has saved countless lives.



What

- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11, after an extensive review of available data.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is administered in two, 10-microgram (mcg) doses administered 21 days apart. The dosage is one-third of the adolescent and adult dose. Full protection against COVID-19 can take up to 14 days after the second dose.
- Children can receive their COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other immunizations, including the flu vaccine.



When

- Children ages 5-11 can get vaccinated starting on November 4, 2021.
- California was allocated 1.2 million pediatric doses, with additional supply from the federal government in the coming weeks.



Why

- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. It has been administered safely to millions of people ages 12 and up.
- Clinical trials with more than 4,500 children ages 5-11 resulted in a strong antibody response in those who received the vaccine.
- Children are susceptible to serious complications from the virus and will benefit from the protection given by the vaccine.
- Children can experience “long COVID” and in some instances, the virus has caused Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), in which a hyperactive immune system attacks the child's body.



How

- Call your pediatrician or health care provider to schedule your child's vaccination appointment. Parents can also visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or call 833-422-4255 to find a nearby vaccination location.
- Children and adolescents ages 5-17 will need the consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to be vaccinated. Families should check with their vaccine provider on acceptable forms of consent, including in-person consent, a signed written note, or a phone call with verbal consent.
- COVID-19 vaccines are free for all Californians regardless of insurance and immigration status, which will not be asked.
- COVID-19 testing, treatment or vaccinations will not affect anyone's immigration status or be shared with immigration agencies.