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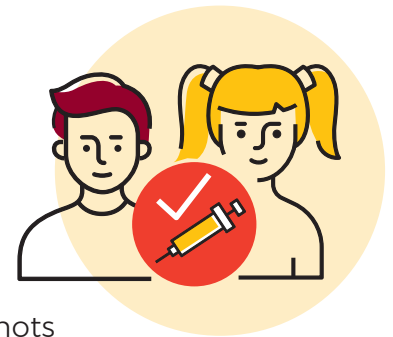
COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN *ages 5-11*

CAN CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 GET COVID-19 SHOTS?

Yes. Children 5 to 11 years old can get COVID-19 shots made by Pfizer.

IS THIS THE SAME VACCINE GIVEN TO OLDER TEENS AND ADULTS?

Yes, but the dosage (amount of medicine) is smaller. COVID-19 shots for children ages 5-11 are very much like the shots given to 12 year-olds, teens, and adults. Children get two shots three weeks apart.



ARE COVID-19 VACCINES SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes! They were tested on thousands of 5 to 11-year-olds. They had to meet strong safety rules. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Pfizer COVID-19 shots for emergency use in children ages 5 to 11. COVID-19 spreads easily and quickly around the world so it is considered an emergency.

SHOULD I GET MY CHILD THE COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Yes, unless your child's doctor says they should not get COVID-19 shots.

Children who have not had their shots can get very sick, need hospital care, and even die from COVID-19. They can also easily spread COVID-19 to other children and adults, even if you do not know they have the disease.



Over 6 million children in the United States have gotten COVID-19:

- Tens of thousands of them have been hospitalized.
- Almost half have ongoing problems that may last for weeks, months, or longer. There are about 100 types of ongoing health problems related to COVID-19 in children.
- More than 500 children have died from COVID-19.

The shots are a safe way to protect your child, your family, and others from COVID-19. So, get them as soon as possible!

ARE THERE SIDE EFFECTS?

Children 5-11 may have some side effects from the shots. It is a normal sign that their body is building protection against COVID-19. **Some children may not experience any side effects at all.**

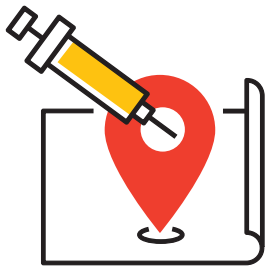
Side effects are usually mild and do not last long. Your child might have some pain, redness, and swelling where they got the shot. They might also feel tired, have headaches, muscle and joint pain, mild fever, and chills.

There have been rare cases when the shots have affected the heart muscle in teens and young adults who got COVID-19 shots. The conditions they got are called *myocarditis* and *pericarditis*. Tens of millions of people have gotten COVID-19 shots in the United States, and less than 1000 have had this problem. Most were adolescent boys and young men.

The benefits of COVID-19 shots are much greater than the risks.

IS IT OKAY TO GET A COVID-19 SHOT AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER SHOTS?

Yes. Getting COVID-19 shots at the same time as other shots is safe. This includes the flu shot



WHERE CAN I GET A VACCINE IN MARYLAND?

You can get COVID-19 shots for 5 to 11 year-olds at pharmacies, doctor's offices, urgent care clinics, clinics in schools, and local health departments all over Maryland.

To find where you can get COVID-19 shots near you, go to: covidvax.maryland.gov.

IS A COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL?

No. Children do not have to have COVID-19 shots to go to school.

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TO GET HELP AND MORE INFORMATION

HELP GETTING A VACCINE:

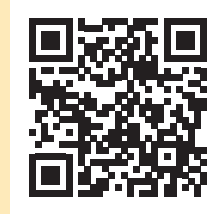
Call the GoVax support center, or have someone call for you: **855-MD-GoVAX (855-634-6829)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD'S COVID-19 SHOTS:


Use the QR code below

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