COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW
COVID-19 infection can happen to anyone, including children. Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are available for children 6 months and older. Every child is safer with a COVID-19 vaccine than without it.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Is the vaccine safe?
Yes. Thousands of children participated in the trials, and as of May 2023, over 5.5 billion people have received over 13 billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. (1) Safety monitoring is ongoing with no serious side effects detected for children under 5. (2)

Can my child get other vaccines at the same visit?
Yes. It is safe to get other vaccines at the same time. (3)

What are side effects?
Side effects are common and may include a sore arm, fatigue, headache, fever, chills, and muscle or joint pain. (3) As of May 2023, no long-term side effects have been detected. (1, 3)

Does my child need to be vaccinated if their parent was vaccinated during pregnancy and/or breastfeeding?
Yes. It is recommended to vaccinate your child as soon as possible, even if they may be considered low risk, to protect them from severe disease. (4)

Sources
1. Our World in Data: https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations
4. 211info COVID-19 Information and Resources: https://covid19.211info.org/pediatric-vaccination

For more information, visit: www.boostoregon.org
COMFORTING YOUR CHILD WHEN GETTING THE VACCINE

- On the day of the appointment, talk about the day’s events and plan something fun to do after the vaccine.
- Try holding your child in a way that’s more like being hugged and less like being restrained. Breastfeeding or pacifiers may soothe your baby.
- Bring comforting items, like books or toys, to calm and distract.
- Ask your provider about the "Buzzy Bee," or a shot blocker to reduce pain.
- Be calm and positive. You will inspire your child to do the same.

Learn more at: www.boostoregon.org/comfort

HOW MANY DOSES DOES MY CHILD NEED?

Unvaccinated children 6 months to 4 years of age: 3 doses of Pfizer vaccine or 2 doses of Moderna vaccine.

Unvaccinated children who are 5 years old: 1 dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Children 6 months to 5 years old who started but did not complete their vaccine series: Complete the series with one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna updated vaccine, whichever brand matches their previous dose(s).

Children 6 months to 5 years who completed the original vaccine series: 1 dose of updated vaccine. (5)

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